



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Lisa Leach, CPA, Assistant Finance Director
DATE: May 7, 2024
SUBJECT: 2024 City of Beaumont Financial Policies Manual

Description Proposed 2024 City of Beaumont Financial Policies with added language.

Background and Analysis:

Financial policies provide guidelines for financial decision-making and are central to a strategic, long-term approach to financial management. Governments adopt formal financial policies to institutionalize good financial management practices, clarify strategic intent, promote long-term thinking, manage risks, and set decision-making boundaries. GFOA best practices recommend governments formally adopt financial policies. Financial policies, which are adopted by City Council, provide written guidance for how local government officials and staff should approach fiscal issues and core financial areas.

As part of the budget process, each year, the City's financial policies will be reviewed and updated by the finance department and prepared for City Council adoption. The financial policies will also be used during the Citywide audits to assess compliance and risk and will be included in the City's budget book. Attached is the proposed Financial Policies with recommended updates and changes in red.

The Financial Policies Manual has been reviewed by legal and bond counsel for adherence to State laws.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this report.

Recommended Action:

Approve the 2024 City of Beaumont Financial Policies Manual

Attachments:

- A. 2024 City of Beaumont Financial Policies Manual