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The City of Naples receives award for making transparent government easily available for the public.

On Monday, June 15, 2015, City Clerk Patricia Rambosk accepted the inaugural <u>ACE</u> (<u>Advanced Commitment to Excellence</u>) <u>Award</u> for Innovative and Outstanding Work in Website Transparency on behalf of the City of Naples at the Opening Session of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) conference in Hollywood, Florida. The plaque was presented by Mary-Lou Pickles, President of FGFOA.

The City Clerk submitted an application on behalf of the City of Naples, as a FGFOA member agency, for the Website Transparency Award. Since being appointed City Clerk in 2012, Clerk Rambosk has spearheaded an ongoing project to promote a transparent community culture through the City's website.

The ACE Awards are a new FGFOA recognition program. The awards are to underscore the importance of innovation in government finance. Because there are many examples across the membership of outstanding work that is being done on a daily basis, FGFOA instituted the ACE Awards to provide a platform to share these stories, celebrate successes and most importantly, learn from each other. For the inaugural year, the following two categories were chosen and open to all current FGFOA member agencies: (1) Innovative and Outstanding Work in Website Transparency, and (2) Process Improvement.

Government transparency continues to be a concern and a growing current topic for both citizens and government agencies throughout the nation. City Clerk Rambosk views the City's homepage as its "front door" to the world, and the goal is to continue to promote a transparent culture and make it easier for the public to walk through our door and obtain public records.

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