

Mission

The City of Clearwater government provides the municipal services and infrastructure necessary for a high quality of life for all our citizens.

Program Description

The duty of the City Council is to discharge the obligations and responsibilities imposed by State Law, City Ordinance, and the Clearwater Charter. Policy is set by the City Council, the elected representatives of the City. The City Council is responsible for approving the budget and determining the ad valorem tax rate on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City.

In addition, the Councilmembers evaluate the job performance of the City Manager and the City Attorney, attend City Council meetings, special workshops/meetings, schedule and attend community meetings to address areas of concern, serve as the City liaison for various area-wide boards, and represent the City at numerous ribbon cuttings, opening day festivities, and organizational welcomes.

	<i>Actual</i> <i>2001/02</i>	<i>Actual</i> <i>2002/03</i>	<i>Budget</i> <i>2003/04</i>	<i>Budget</i> <i>2004/05</i>	<i>%</i> <i>Change</i>
Personnel	140,809	146,293	175,110	184,070	5.1%
Operating	52,600	61,214	69,780	73,360	5.1%
Internal Services	26,146	26,148	32,910	31,040	-5.7%
Transfers	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	222,555	236,655	280,800	291,470	3.8%
Department Full-Time Equivalent Positions	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	

Program Highlights

- ❖ The City Council program includes salaries for the five Councilmembers and a staff assistant. The Councilmember’s salaries have been adjusted per ordinance in this budget year by a 2.1% cost of living increase, which is equal to the Social Security Agency adjustment for 2004.
- ❖ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal 2004/05 totaling \$25,510. This includes funding for memberships for the Clearwater Regional Chambers, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Florida League of Cities, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Sister Cities International, as well as other ancillary memberships.
- ❖ Council travel and training costs are budgeted at a total of \$16,500, the same level of funding as provided in the 2003/04 budget.

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- ❖ The decrease in internal services costs of 5.7% in fiscal year 2004/05 primarily reflects reductions in information technology charges.
- ❖ The \$3,000 transfer to the Special Program Fund continues the support of the Nagano Sister City program, the same level of funding as provided in the 2003/04 budget.