

**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 2002/03</i>	<i>Actual 2003/04</i>	<i>Budget 2004/05</i>	<i>Budget 2005/06</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Personnel	146,293	153,481	184,070	<b>190,560</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Operating	61,214	65,064	73,360	<b>73,840</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Internal Services	26,148	28,660	31,040	<b>29,900</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>
Transfers	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u><b>3,000</b></u>	<u><b>0.0%</b></u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,655</b>	<b>250,205</b>	<b>291,470</b>	<b>297,300</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Department Full- Time Equivalent Positions	1.0	1.0	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	

**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 2.7% cost of living increase, which is equal to the Social Security Agency adjustment for 2005.
- ❖ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal 2005/06 totaling \$25,990. 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 and 2004/05 budgets.

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- ❖ The decrease in internal services costs of 3.7% in fiscal year 2005/06 primarily reflects reductions in information technology and postal service 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 2004/05 budget.