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 the 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.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

	Actual 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Budget 2005/06	Budget 2006/07	% Change
Personnel	153,481	168,353	190,560	192,430	1.0%
Operating	65,064	61,957	73,840	68,490	-7.2%
Internal Services	28,660	26,298	29,900	24,940	-16.6%
Transfers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Total City Council	**250,205**	**259,608**	**297,300**	**288,860**	**-2.8%**

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

	Actual 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Budget 2005/06	Budget 2006/07
City Council	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total City Council	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**

Program Highlights

- The City Council program includes salaries for the five (5) Council members and a Staff Assistant. The Council members' salaries have been adjusted per ordinance in this budget year by a 4.1% cost of living increase, which is equal to the Social Security Agency adjustment for 2006.

- Personal Services reflects a 1% increase due to the replacement of a long-term employee, with an employee at a lower salary.

- Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal year 2006/07 totaling $26,640. This includes funding for memberships for the Clearwater Regional Chambers, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Florida League of Cities, the 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 $18,740, an increase of $2,240 over the 2005/06 budget.

- Transfers remain the same as the previous year at $3,000 and represent a transfer to a Special Program Fund to fund Nagano Sister City Program activities.

- There have been no other significant changes in the City Council program in this fiscal year. The 2006/07 budget reflects a decrease of 2.8% from the previous budget due to the hiring of a new employee at a lower salary than the incumbent.