

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 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	% Change
Personnel	184,413	179,042	195,770	197,610	1%
Operating	60,012	64,359	70,760	64,240	-9%
Internal Services	23,999	25,540	26,390	23,540	-11%
Transfers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%
Total City Council	271,424	271,941	295,920	288,390	-3%

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09
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 Council members and a Staff Assistant. The Council member's salaries have been adjusted per ordinance in this budget by a 2.3% cost of living increase, which is equal to the Social Security Agency adjustment for 2008.
- ❖ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal year 2008/09 totaling \$29,580. This includes funding for memberships for the Clearwater Regional Chambers of Commerce, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Florida League of Cities, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, as well as other ancillary memberships.
- ❖ Transfers remain the same as the previous year at \$3,000 and represent a transfer to the Special Program Fund to fund the Nagano Sister City Program activities.
- ❖ There have been no other significant changes in the City Council program. The budget for this department reflects a decrease of 3% from the 2007/08 budget.