

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 City of Clearwater is governed by a Council/Manager form of government with the City Council serving as the governing body. The Clearwater City Council is comprised of the Mayor and four Council members, who each serve four-year terms. The City Council is the legislative and policy-making body of the City, 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 2006/07	Actual 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10	% Change
Personnel	179,042	182,246	197,610	209,920	6%
Operating	64,359	45,566	64,240	63,820	-1%
Internal Services	25,540	26,370	23,540	19,830	-16%
Transfers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%
Total City Council	271,941	257,182	288,390	296,570	3%

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	Actual 2006/07	Actual 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10
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 5.8% cost of living increase, which is equal to the Social Security Agency adjustment for 2009.
- ❖ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal year 2009/10 totaling \$29,580, the same as the current fiscal year. 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 2008/09 budget.