

By the Numbers

Official Records & Legislative Services attended and prepared agendas/agenda packets for 21 work sessions, 22 council meetings, 11 community redevelopment agency meetings, 12 pension trustees meetings, two special budget work sessions, and three special council meetings producing summary minutes for each. Attended and prepared summary minutes for 88 regulatory and advisory board and miscellaneous meetings. Coordinated legal advertising of more than 190 public hearings. Worked with lobbyists resulting in \$5,309,861 in federal appropriations and \$3,967,740 in grants used to supplement the city's budget. Coordinated the election of Mayor and two Councilmembers.

Clearwater Customer Service issued more than 590,000 utility bills, billed more than \$111 million in revenues, and processed more than 560,000 customer payments. More than 730,000 water and gas meter readings were made with an accuracy rate of better than 99%. The department received more than 112,000 customer telephone calls.

The **Planning Department** reviewed 197 site plan applications through the Development Review Committee (staff-level review) and Community Development Board (public hearing). The Sand Pearl Resort on Clearwater Beach with 253 hotel rooms, 119 condominiums and 11,000 square feet of retail space was approved, as well as the Water's Edge mixed-use development on Osceola Avenue Downtown with 157 condominiums and 10,000 square feet of retail space. Planning also processed 43 annexations, increasing the tax base by an estimated \$6.7 million.

The **Finance Department** received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 25th consecutive year. It monitored and coordinated single

audits of 19 federal grant programs totaling \$14.0 million in reimbursable expenditures and eight state grant programs totaling \$3.1 million in reimbursable expenditures. Refinanced 1999 Stormwater Revenue Bonds with a present value savings of 7% or \$440,600. Refinanced 1997A Gas Revenue Bonds with a present value savings of 5.3% or \$355,900. Provided financial support services for the city in a timely and accurate manner (i.e. payroll, risk management, purchasing, accounts payable, accounting, financial reporting, etc.).

Clearwater's **Parks and Recreation** Department coordinated 18 youth and adult co-sponsored groups ranging from shuffleboard and softball for seniors to soccer and baseball for youth. In 2005, more than 4,730 people participated. Recreation programs generated an estimate of more than \$17.4 million dollars in economic impact into our community by offering quality athletic programs to individuals throughout the country. Taught more than 12,500 swim lessons to children and adults in the city's five swimming pool complexes and reached more than 31,000 participants through environmental education programs at Moccasin Lake Nature Park.

The five **Clearwater Public Library System** locations circulated a total of 1,204,565 items, answered 418,496 questions, presented youth and adult programs attended by 44,317 people, and were visited by 875,826 people.

Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to approximately 20,011 emergency calls and an additional 991 fire

suppression calls during 2004. Since the false alarm ordinance went into effect in January 2004, the department received 1,441 false alarms through December. This statistic will be tracked for periodic analysis in order to identify trends (malfunctions and abuse). The department conducted 4,155 inspections, 702 fire investigations, and 249 public education programs, training 3,543 adults and 8,023 children in fire and life safety courses.

The **Community Emergency Response Team** members participated in the 2005 Annual Fire Prevention Expo. In preparation for the 2005 hurricane season, they distributed 51 hurricane preparedness kits to mobile home parks and for two weekends gave out disaster and hurricane awareness materials to citizens frequenting Clearwater's Home Depots and Lowes.



In 1920, the City had \$461,000 in total assets, compared to more than \$832 million in 2004.