

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 Commission is to discharge the obligations and responsibilities imposed by State Law, City Ordinance, and the Clearwater Charter. Policy is set by the City Commission, the elected representatives of the City. The City Commission 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 Commissioners evaluate the job performance of the City Manager and the City Attorney, attend City Commission 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.

Program Summary							
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Budget</i>		<i>Budget</i>	
	<i>2000/01</i>	<i>2001/02</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>2002/03</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>2003/04</i>	<i>%</i>
Personnel	136,958	140,809	2.8%	165,540	17.6%	175,110	5.8%
Operating	33,489	52,600	57.1%	69,030	31.2%	69,780	1.1%
Internal Services	22,572	26,146	15.8%	29,280	12.0%	32,910	12.4%
Capital	12,559	-	-100.0%	-	n/a	-	n/a
Transfers	-	<u>3,000</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	205,578	222,555	8.3%	266,850	19.9%	280,800	5.2%
Department Full-Time Equivalent Positions	1.0	1.0		1.0		1.0	

Program Highlights

- ❖ The City Commission program includes salaries for the five Commissioners and a staff assistant. The Commissioner's salaries have been adjusted per Ordinance in this budget year by a 2% cost of living increase, which is greater than the social security adjustment of 1.406%.
- ❖ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal 2003/04 totaling \$23,630. 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.

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- ❖ Commission travel and training costs are budgeted at a total of \$14,300, the same level of funding as provided in the 2002/03 budget.
- ❖ The increase in Internal Services costs of 12.4% in fiscal year 2003/04 primarily reflects increases in Information Technology costs based upon enhanced technology support.
- ❖ 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 2002/03 budget.