



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 Councilmembers, 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 community functions.

Department Summary

	Actual 2012/13	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2014/15	Budget 2015/16	% Change
Personnel	196,670	204,664	210,380	231,530	10%
Operating	39,524	33,892	49,460	49,400	0%
Internal Services	15,327	18,484	16,040	20,500	28%
Transfers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%
Total City Council	254,521	260,040	278,880	304,430	9%
Full Time Equivalent Positions	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

Program Highlights

- ◆ The City Council program includes salaries for the five Council members and an Executive Assistant. The Councilmember's salaries have been increased by 2.0% in this budget based upon City Ordinance to adjust salaries based upon the greater of Social Security cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment or 2%.
- ◆ Included in the operating category is the anticipated cost of memberships for fiscal year 2015/16 totaling \$16,870, a 5% increase from the 2014/15. Funding is included for memberships for the Clearwater Regional Chambers of Commerce, 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.
- ◆ Councilmember travel is budgeted at \$15,960, the same level of funding as the 2014/15 budget.
- ◆ Internal Services reflect a 28% increase from the 2014/15 budget primarily related to increases in information technology support.
- ◆ There have been no other significant changes in the City Council program. The budget for this department reflects a 9% increase from the fiscal year 2014/15 budget.