



# CITY COUNCIL

*The mission of the City Council is to provide policy direction for developing and sustaining the health, safety and well being of the community.*

## DEPARTMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Communicate with citizens. (Strategic Priority I, IV)
  - a. Attend community meetings.
  - b. Respond to citizen inquiries.
2. Share and exchange ideas with other municipalities. (Strategic Priority I)
  - a. Attend regional and national conferences.
  - b. Host and visit Sister Cities.
3. Foster Economic Development. (Strategic Priority III)
  - a. Attract and maintain employment.
  - b. Maintain low cost of living.



*Mayor Mayans welcomes newly elected District 3 Council Member Jim Skelton to his seat after the April elections.*



City of Wichita - Internal Benchmark

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Dept.	Objective	Program Measure Description	Benchmark	2004 Actual	2005 Projected	2006 Target	2007 Target
	1a	Community meetings attended	300	300	265	270	300
	1b	Communications received	17,500	17,500	16,500	17,000	17,500
	2a	National conferences attended	5	5	5	5	5
	2b	Sister City contacts	4	4	4	4	4
	3a	Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.0%
	3b	WSU - Current Conditions Index	110.0	110.0	104.0	107.1	110.0

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Live or replayed City Council meetings can now be viewed via streaming media on the City's website. Visit <http://www.wichita.gov/StreamingMedia/> and click at the designated location to access past or current meetings.
- The City Council helped sustain low air fares by extending the City's contractual relationship with AirTran.
- Council Members visited 3 of Wichita's 4 Sister Cities and hosted delegations from two.
- During 2004, the Women's International Bowling Congress made a positive impact on the Wichita economy by adding nearly \$41 million.
- Voters elected one new Council Member (term-limits) and re-elected two incumbent Council Members in April 2005.
- Adopted a balanced budget, balancing the City's short-term needs with long-term objectives, and avoiding an increase in property taxes for the 12th consecutive year.



## OVERVIEW

The City Council and Community Marketing budgets are funded entirely from the General Fund. Personal services expenditures comprise over 75% of the combined budgets.

## CITY COUNCIL

The City Council provides leadership and policy direction for the community. The vast majority of City Council expenditures are dedicated to personal services. The Council budget funds 6 Council Members and 1 Mayor, as well as three permanent staff members and an intern. In addition to holding weekly City Council meetings and workshops, Council Members hold memberships in various local, regional and national organizations.

The City Council also appoints up to 166 citizen members to 23 various advisory boards and commissions, which serve as forums for public comment and input on a variety of issues that are of interest to members of the community.

Important achievements of the City Council have been to lobby successfully for lower electric rates for Wichita taxpayers; provide lower airfares for individuals and business travelers through the continuation of the City's Fair Fares program; nurture a favorable economic climate for businesses; oversee comprehensive plans for maintaining and protecting all of the City's essential resources; and effectively use the Visioneering Plan as a tool for preparing for the long-term success of the community.

The City Council meets regularly on Tuesday's to establish policies, levy taxes, enact legislation, and conduct workshops or other business on behalf of the citizens of Wichita. Beginning in March of this year, a new means of viewing these meetings has become available via streaming media on the City's website. Minutes of past Council meetings continue to be available on the website as well.

City Council Members attend important forums across the region and nationwide, sharing ideas with other municipal representatives. Some of the organizations in which Council Members hold memberships include the League of Kansas Municipalities, US Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

## COMMUNITY MARKETING

The Community Marketing budget primarily funds the City of Wichita's Sister Cities Program. Wichita has been an active member of Sister Cities International for four decades. The program affords opportunities for cultural and travel exchanges, and provides potential economic ties. Wichita's Sister Cities are Cancun and Tlalnepanitla, Mexico; Orleans, France; and Kaifeng, China. A slight increase in funding is included for the program.

## FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Define and establish firm communication of policies on important issues coming before the community.
- Keep conditions in place for sustaining the overall health and well-being of the community.
- Continue to develop, prioritize, implement, and sustain essential services to Wichita's citizens.



*Most City Council meetings and workshops convene each Tuesday in the Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall*



City Council Budget Summary					
	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Adopted	2007 Approved
Personal Services	414,437	470,320	462,250	480,370	489,430
Contractual Services	104,048	101,840	106,640	106,640	106,640
Commodities	18,489	20,950	20,950	20,950	20,950
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750
<b>Total Local Expenditures</b>	<b>536,974</b>	<b>600,860</b>	<b>597,590</b>	<b>615,710</b>	<b>624,770</b>
City Council	502,107	569,160	561,090	579,210	588,270
Community Marketing	34,867	31,700	36,500	36,500	36,500
<b>Total Local Expenditures</b>	<b>536,974</b>	<b>600,860</b>	<b>597,590</b>	<b>615,710</b>	<b>624,770</b>
Total full-time positions	10	11	11	11	11
Total part-time positions	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE positions	10	*11	11	11	11

*\*The 2005 Budget included 1 additional Intern position.*

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