

CITY COMMISSION

Description of Operations

The City Commission is the governing body of the City of Sarasota and has the power to make and enforce all laws and regulations with respect to municipal affairs, subject only to the limitations and restrictions of the City Charter and the State Constitution. The City Commission has the power, in the name of the City, to do whatever is appropriate for the municipality and the general welfare of the City's inhabitants, unless it is specifically forbidden by the State Constitution.

The five member City Commission is non-partisan and from this group, one will be chosen Mayor and one will be chosen Vice Mayor, each to serve a one-year term. The City is divided into three voting districts, each to be represented by a Commissioner elected by voters in that district for a period of four years. Two at-large Commissioners are elected two years later, also for a period of four years.

The City Commission appoints the Charter Officials: the City Manager, the City Auditor and Clerk and the City Attorney. In addition, the City Commission appoints members of all Advisory Boards and Committees, all of whom serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Goal - A Responsible and Accessible Government that has Sound Financial and Administrative Practices

Strategy - Increase federal and state aid for local projects through a proactive legislative/lobbying strategy.

Objective - Increase the likelihood of successful legislative/lobbying efforts through an engaged and proactive City Commission.

Task	Current Funding	Fiscal Year Completed	Funds Required
Continue to lobby in Tallahassee, FL and Washington D.C. for important local concerns. Status - City Commissioners have attended approximately six legislative sessions.	Yes	2006	\$0

Cost Center Expenditures By Category

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Continuation	FY 2007 Issues	FY 2007 Totals
Personal Expenditures	161,298	185,060	199,227	0	199,227
Non Personal Expenditures	51,853	76,980	75,620	8,000	83,620
Capital Expenditures	1,417	2,300	0	0	0
Grants and Aids	35,410	34,000	91,668	0	91,668
Totals	\$249,978	\$298,340	\$366,515	\$8,000	\$374,515

Personnel Summary

Actual Positions	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
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Increased Prof. Development and Car & Cell Phone Allowances

This budget issue requests increases in professional development, cell phone allowance, and car allowance by \$1,000, \$300 and \$300 per year, respectively, for the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners.

Cost of Issue

Personal	0
Operating	8,000
Capital	0
Transfers	0
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Total	\$8,000
Net Cost of Issue	\$8,000