

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 numerous legislative sessions.	Yes	2007	\$0

Cost Center Expenditures By Category

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Continuation	FY 2008 Issues	FY 2008 Totals
Personal Expenditures	177,543	199,227	211,355	0	211,355
Non Personal Expenditures	51,818	83,620	86,615	-16,000	70,615
Capital Expenditures	2,007	0	1,200	0	1,200
Grants and Aids	33,100	91,668	91,668	-39,820	51,848
Totals	264,468	374,515	390,838	-55,820	335,018

Personnel Summary

Actual Positions	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
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Revenue Summary

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Continuation	FY 2008 Issues	FY 2008 Totals
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	102	0	0	0	0
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Budget Reduction

The budget reduction includes the elimination of travel for Sister Cities, elimination of the request for additional cell phone allowance, a roll-back of the grants to the 05/06 level for SCOPE, the elimination of funding for SOAR, the elimination of funding for one retreat, the reduction in Commissioner professional development funding of \$10,000 and the transfer of \$32,000 of funding from the General Fund to the County Occupational License Tax Fund.

Cost of Issue

Personal	0
Operating	-16,000
Capital	0
Transfers	-39,820
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Total	-\$55,820
Net Cost of Issue	-\$55,820