City Council

Mission Statement

The City Council establishes general policies, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to insure the health, safety, life, property and general, social, and economic welfare of the City's citizens

Primary Businesses:

Develop and implement city policies and programs in conjunction with the Mayor.

Serve as a resource and advocate for constituents.

Key Initiatives or Other Models for Providing Service to be implemented:

1. Increase percentage of people who live and work in Minneapolis that report satisfaction with City services.

2. Increase opportunities among citizens for dialogue about their expectations for Minneapolis City government.

3. Increase the consistency of elected officials tax-related decisions with a comprehensive municipal tax policy.

Key Departmental Outcome Measures:

Outcome Measure	2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Actual	2003 Estimated	2004 Projected
% citizens who rate Mpls as a good or very good place to live	n/a	86%	n/a	Survey to be conducted again in 2004	Survey to be conducted again in 2004
% citizens who rate Mpls govt. as good or very good at communicating with citizens	n/a	49%	n/a	n/a	n/a
% citizens who rate Mpls govt. as good or very good at representing and providing for the needs of all citizens	n/a	48%	n/a	n/a	n/a
% citizens who rate Mpls govt. as good or very good at effectively planning for the future	n/a	49%	n/a	n/a	n/a
% citizens who rate Mpls govt. as good or very good at providing value for their tax dollars	n/a	54%	n/a	n/a	n/a
% citizens who rate Mpls city govt. officials as acting with integrity				Potential question for survey to be conducted in 2003	To Be Determined
Opportunities among citizens for dialogue re City govt.					
Existence of a comprehensive municipal tax policy	n/a	n/a	n/a	Consist application of comprehensive tax policy	Consist application of comprehensive tax policy
Initiatives to increase the impact of City goals on determining City services	n/a	n/a	Expected development of new City Goals for current 4-year term	n/a	n/a

Explanation of Performance Data for Departmental Outcome Measures:

Primary Business:

Develop and implement city policies and programs in conjunction with the Mayor

Service Activity:

Work with the Mayor, city departments and external partners to address emerging city issues.

Service Activity:

Conduct regularly scheduled council meetings, committee meetings and public hearings to develop and implement City policies.

Primary Business:

Serve as a resource and advocate for constituents

Service Activity:

Provide information to constituents to engage them in city issues.

Service Activity:

Respond to constituent concerns and complaints.

Financial Analysis: (To be completed by the Finance Department)

EXPENDITURE

Prior to the Local Government Aid cuts of 2003, the City Clerk's budget included the ward budgets for each Council Member, including the personnel costs of the assistants and associates in each office. The City Council's position information has been restated for the change in its budget while the financial information has not. The substantial increases in every category of expense reflect these changes. The full cost of the City Council is paid from the general fund.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID CUTS IN 2003

The City Council's budget was reduced by $130,000 as a result of LGA reductions. Individual ward budgets were established for each Council Member.

ADOPTED BUDGET

The budget includes an addition of $60,000 to the Council budget, divided equally among the 13 wards – a change from the Mayor's recommendation which included the addition of a position. The Council also allowed for the reappropriation of savings in ward budgets from one year to the next.

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Staffing Information

	2001	2002 Adopted Budget	2003 Adopted Budget	2004 Mayor's Recomm.	% Change	Change
FTE's by Division						
City Council	38.00	38.00	38.00	39.00	2.63%	1.00
Total FTE's	**38.00**	**38.00**	**38.00**	**39.00**	**2.63%**	**1.00**