City Council

The City Council is the legislative body of the City. The five members are elected at large by the City's voters. Four Council Members are elected to serve alternating four-year terms; and the Mayor is elected separately to serve a four-year term. One Council Member is elected by the City Council to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem. California law provides guidance for the conduct of open meetings, legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the City Council, and limitson City Council compensation.

The City Council adopts and modifies local law, sets goals and policy for City operations, appropriates and approves expenditures, and appoints the City Attorney and the City Manager who serves as the chief administrative officer of the City. Members of the City Council also serve as Board Members for the Successor Agency to the dissolved redevelopment agency and the Carson Housing Authority.

The City Council conducts business during regular public meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are held at City Hall, and the public is welcome to attend and offer comments. Meeting agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's website in advance of each meeting.

The FY17-18 budget includes the following staffing to support the Office of the City Council.

	FY16-17	FY17-18
Classification	Funded	Funded
SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY	1.00	1.00
FIELD DEPUTY	2.00	2.00
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1.00	1.00
TYPIST CLERK	1.00	1.00
Subtotal Full-Time	5.00	5.00
ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN (PT)	1.00	1.00
Grand Total FTE	6.00	6.00

			FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18
PROGRAM	ACCT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
01-10-000-003		City Council/Elected & Appointed/Operations	1,049,413	970,626	994,803	898,222

General Fund Expenditures by Line Item City Council

Account	Division	Program	Object	Adopted
01-10-000-003-5sum	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Employee Compensation	705,022
01-10-000-003-6000	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Council Community Sponsorship	25,000
01-10-000-003-6001	Elected & Appointed	Operations	City Bus Use	1,000
01-10-000-003-6004	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Professional Services	12,000
01-10-000-003-6006	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Membership Fees & Dues	73,100
01-10-000-003-6008	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Promotion & Publicity	11,000
01-10-000-003-6009	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Special Materials & Supplies	9,000
01-10-000-003-6010	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Office/Facilities Supp/Furn	12,000
01-10-000-003-6011	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Telephone	6,600
01-10-000-003-6013	Elected & Appointed	Operations	Auto Allowance/Mileage	43,500
				\$ 898,222