

Council Receives Mayor's Proposed 2009 Budget

Budget Hearings to Begin November 5th

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Mayor Ray Nagin

New Orleans, LA - October 28, 2008 - Today, at a Special Council meeting Mayor Ray Nagin presented his proposed 2009 Budget.

The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation detailing the budget which was narrated by the Mayor. To view the PowerPoint presentation, 2009 Operating Budget and 2009 Executive Capital Budget click [here](#).

Following his presentation, Councilmembers commended the Mayor and his staff for the improved format of the budget document allowing Councilmembers easier reference to details regarding specific department budgets.

Councilmembers and Council staff are preparing for the Council's month-long review of the proposed budget.

Budget Hearings will begin on November 5th and are scheduled throughout the month. Click [here](#) to view the Budget Hearing schedule.

The Council must adopt the 2009 budget by December 1st.

New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans City government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.