



Media Advisory

April 1, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, April 2nd at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

What: Among the items to be addressed at tomorrow's New Orleans City Council Meeting:

- Resolution approving a legal settlement between the City Council and Entergy New Orleans, Inc., which decreases Entergy utility rates by \$30 million for Entergy New Orleans ratepayers and states an agreement by Entergy New Orleans, Inc. to fund Energy Smart, a citywide energy efficiency financing program
- Resolution ratifying a gas hedging plan to manage power costs during peak usage periods, as part of the Entergy New Orleans, Inc. rate case settlement
- Resolution calling upon the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to submit its plans and cost estimates for the redesign of New Orleans' outfall canals to independent, third-party review
- Resolution calling upon the Mayor's Office to expend the funds as allocated by the City Council to the Orleans Parish Defenders Office expeditiously
- Presentation honoring the Navy and the last Commander of the Naval Support Station, Captain Brian Harrison
- Presentation by District "D" Councilmember Hedge-Morrell on District "D" recovery

To view the Meeting Agenda click [here](#).

When: Thursday, April 2, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Where: City Council Chamber

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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.