



Media Advisory

April 22, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, April 23rd at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Presentation honoring the graduating classes of 2009, the first class to matriculate post-Katrina, from seven local universities: Tulane, Dillard, Xavier, UNO, SUNO, Our Lady of Holy Cross, and Loyola. University presidents, other university administration officials, and student government representatives will be present.
- Resolution supporting state legislative efforts to remove the scheduled film incentive tax credit (Motion Picture Investor Tax Credit) reduction slated for early 2010, which would result in a tremendous loss of direct economic impact and film industry related jobs, and stabilizing the existing tax credit at 30 percent
- Resolution requesting an opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, regarding the constitutionality of Senate Bill 75, which appears to conflict with the Master Plan force of law Charter Amendment approved by voters last fall
- Ordinance to designate an "Extended Renewal Period and Fee" to extend the renewal period until December 31, 2009 for Certificates of Public Necessity and Convenience that expired between December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2008
- Ordinance adding a "Delinquency Penalty" for expired Certificates of Public Necessity and Convenience (CPNC); a "Revocation of Certificates of Public Necessity and Convenience" providing for the suspension of a CPNC that is not renewed by March 31 of the year of renewal; and an "Extension for Acquiring a Vehicle and Fee" allowing for compliance with the requirement that a CPNC holder must have a vehicle in service to be extended for a period of time for good cause.

- Ordinance repealing the \$2.00 gasoline surcharge per each completed trip for taxicabs and DFT
- Presentation of a check to New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) by Senator JP Morrell

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

When: Thursday, April 23, 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.