



## NOLA CITY COUNCIL

The legislative branch of New Orleans city government

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Media Advisory

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### NOLA City Council to Launch Redesigned Website and Live & Archived Streaming Video of City Council Meetings

**What:** The New Orleans City Council will hold a **news conference and demonstration** to launch the Council's redesigned website, NOLACityCouncil.com and NOLA GOV. Online, live and archived streaming video of City Council meetings.

**When:** Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
1:30 p.m.

**Where:** City Council Chamber

**Who:** New Orleans City Council Members

- Council President Arnie Fielkow
- Cable and Telecommunications Committee Chair and District "C" Councilmember James Carter
- District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura
- District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head

- District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
- District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis

**Background:** NOLACityCouncil.com

The redesigned "user friendly" NOLACityCouncil.com website features the latest streaming video technology as well as expanded constituent resources, including Multilingual Functionality; "What Citizens Need to Know" and Emergency Preparedness Information pages; Meetings and Events Calendars; Enhanced News and Resources Sections; Site-wide Search Function; and a Citizen Comment Form, among other features.

NOLA GOV. Online

The streaming video technology raises the public's expectation of the order and reliability of government and immediate access to legislative instruments and public policy information. Unquestionably, the technology provides exceptional access and transparency, raising the bar for government to administer and legislate the people's business more effectively and efficiently. Specifically, the technology provides, live streaming video; scheduled archiving of meetings and programming; automatic publishing of streaming video to the web; automatic indexing of meetings by agenda item; web-based search of audio/video records by keyword; linked documents to audio/video record by agenda item; internal and hosted distribution of streaming video content; user/group access control and administration; and an integrated minutes annotation tool for the Clerk's Office.

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## **NOLA 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 Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.