

City Council Announces Nominations For the Public-Private Partnership Board

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- At today's regular City Council meeting, Councilmembers will vote on Motion M-09-406, a measure finalizing the nomination of six local community leaders for the New Orleans Economic Development Council (NOEDC) Board of Directors.

At its June 2 meeting, the City Council voted unanimously on an Ordinance, authored by Council President Arnie Fielkow and co-authored by District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, which established a public-private partnership dedicated to overseeing economic development in New Orleans. The Ordinance dedicated \$2 million from the 2008 Economic Development Fund millage. A 17-member board consisting of individuals with diverse public, private and non-profit backgrounds will lead the NOEDC and will guide the organization's mission, goals and strategic objectives.

"This is going to create a long-term vision for New Orleans," said Council President Fielkow. "It will change the landscape of economic development in our city and will establish a development strategy that benefits everyone."

The City Council submitted six NOEDC board nominations, with each Councilmember proposing one name for consideration, barring Council President Fielkow who abstained from submitting a nomination in favor of allowing all other Councilmembers a candidate. In addition, other names will be submitted by Mayor C. Ray Nagin, the Mayor's Executive Assistant for Development, the Chairman of the City Planning Commission, the Chairman of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, and representatives from the private and non-governmental sectors. An Advisory Committee consisting of local university presidents will review the nominations and make the final selections. Of the nominations submitted by the City Council, two will be selected by the Committee.

The following are the names of the nominees submitted by the Councilmembers:

- **Donald "Boysie" Bollinger**, President, CEO and Board Chairman of Bollinger Shipyards
(Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson)

- **Sheila Burns**, President, Burns Management Group; Vice President Quick Courier Services; and Vice President Global Parking Systems
(District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis)

- **Vaughn Fauria**, President of NewCorp, Inc.
(District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell)

- **Gaye Anderson Frederic**, Chief Operating Officer of Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission
(District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura)

- **Marshall Page**, Attorney and Partner of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre L.L.P.
(District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head)

- **James Williams**, Williams Construction and Building Company L.L.C. & Williams Acquisitions and Consulting L.L.C.
(District "C" Councilmember James Carter)

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 Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; 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.