



Media Advisory

February 18, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, February 19th at 10 a.m.  
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Consideration of action relative to Mayor Nagin's veto of Ordinance Calendar No. 27,069, adopted by the Council on February 5, 2009, requiring that the City's competitive selection process for professional service contracts be subject to Louisiana Open Meetings Law
- Report from FEMA informing the Council of their options regarding the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) which set flood levels throughout the City and therefore affect insurance rates
- Mardi Gras presentation featuring the Mardi Gras Indians
- Presentations honoring Ronnie Burns, Former President of the Sugar Bowl and Paul Valteau, Civil Sheriff for their service to the City

Additionally, beginning at 9 a.m. before the Council Meeting there will be a presentation commemorating the historic Supreme Court case Plessy vs. Ferguson.

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

**When:** Thursday, February 19, 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.