



Media Advisory

February 4, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, February 5th at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Legislation to require that the City's competitive selection process for professional service contracts be subject to Louisiana Open Meetings Law
- Resolution urging the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and FEMA take immediate action to extend for one year the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) for Louisiana residents still in need after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Resolution requesting the Council Utilities Regulatory Office investigate and report on the cost, feasibility and any related issues regarding the implementation of wireless internet services in the Council Chamber
- Ordinance expediting the construction of five libraries throughout the City
- Mardi Gras Presentations featuring the Krewe of Zulu, Krewe of Muses and Krewe of Choctaw

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

When: Thursday, February 5, 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.