



Media Advisory

January 7, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, January 8th at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Resolution honoring the memory of Reverend Marshall Truehill Jr.
- Resolutions honoring retiring Judges Raymond Bigelow, Dennis Waldron, C. Hearn Taylor and Justice Pascal F. Calogero for their years of service to the citizens of New Orleans
- Presentation honoring Reverend C. James Smith for his years of service and dedication to the City Council
- Report on the new public service announcement video showcasing the first responders of New Orleans
- Ordinance amending the Economic Development Fund (EDF) to require a Five Year Economic Development Plan from the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), in which the priorities and expenditures for each year of the five year period will be specifically outlined. Part of the amendment calls for recommending a portion of the 2008, 2009 and 2010 EDF funds go towards a Public-Private Partnership for economic development and to Community Development Financial Institutions.
- Ordinance temporarily suspending, for a three month period, all relevant provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of New Orleans to allow the placement of Temporary Housing Structures on private property affected and damaged by Hurricane Katrina in Council District "D"

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

When: Thursday, January 8, 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.