



Media Advisory

January 21, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, January 22nd 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 retired Judge Yada T. Magee for her years of service to the citizens of New Orleans
- Presentation by Leslie Jacobs, Founder of Educate Now!, on the state and transformation of New Orleans public schools
- Presentation by Cynthia Sylvain-Lear, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Ernest Collins, introducing to the Council all those people whose work and dedication made the Mahalia Jackson Theatre possible

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

**When:** Thursday, January 22, 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.