



Media Advisory

July 22, 2009

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**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, July 23rd at 10 a.m.  
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Ordinance to ensure that collection of property liens and ad valorem taxes occurs as required by law
- Ordinance to establish spacing restrictions relative to the sale of tobacco products near playgrounds, schools, and any entities providing structured, organized care for youth
- Resolution honoring Edwin Hampton, legendary band Director and Founder of the iconic St. Augustine High School Marching 100, and recognizing him for his many contributions to the City throughout his lifetime
- Presentation and a Resolution congratulating Tulane University on the forthcoming opening of its new Disaster Management Leadership Academy
- Report from Captain Edwin Stanton of the U.S. Coast Guard and Port of New Orleans, on prohibiting floating vessels in the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal and the Harvey Canal in the advance of a storm
- Presentation thanking the New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors (NOMAR) and Diana LeBlanc, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for NOMAR, for their assistance to the City on legislative issues

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

**When:** Thursday, July 23, 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 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.