



Media Advisory

June 17, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, June 18th at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Ordinance allocating funds to the Department of Police for summer overtime, and a Motion providing for additional allocation of funds after a full report on the use of the funds has been prepared by the Superintendent of Police and presented to the City Council
- Ordinance to strengthen opportunities for small businesses and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) to participate in city contracts or city funded transactions
- Ordinances providing for rate increases for meter fare, hourly rate, special events fare and airport rates, for taxicabs and Disabled Friendly Taxis (DFTs)
- Resolution urging the Legislature to pass three bills dedicated to increasing the state's international trade and improving Louisiana's ports by: creating regional governance for the state's southeastern ports, incentivizing increased trade activity through state ports and encouraging port infrastructure improvements
- Zoning Docket requesting the establishment of an Interim Zoning District (IZD) to be named the "Gert Town Mixed Use Interim Zoning District," which will down zone the industrial areas in the residential parts of Gert Town to improve the current residents' quality of life by preventing further industrial uses from expanding into their community

- Resolution opposing House Bill No. 517 and urging all members of the Louisiana State Senate to vote against this legislation, which seeks to protect from legal and job repercussions public healthcare providers who refuse to treat patients due to their "medical conscience"
- Resolution approving the filing of an application for the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program and appointing the President of the Westbank Redevelopment Corporation as agent of the City of New Orleans to conduct all business which may be necessary for the completion of this project
- Report from Leslie Jacobs, Founder of Educate Now!, on public schools in New Orleans
- Presentation congratulating the New Orleans Hornets on a second consecutive playoff season

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

When: Thursday, June 18, 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.