



Media Advisory

March 18, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session
Thursday, March 19th at 10 a.m.
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Resolution supporting efforts to investigate the benefits of large-scale land diversions as a means of restoring Louisiana's coastline
- Resolution calling on the Mayor's Office to expedite the allocation of the \$11 million in Housing and Urban Development grant money
- Motion requesting that the City Planning Commission conduct public hearings to consider down zoning 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
- Presentations on the Total Sentencing Alternative Program (TSAP) and other crime issues from District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro, NOPD Police Chief Warren Riley, and TSAP Representative Dwight Richards
- Presentation from Founding Director Gary Slutkin, M.D. on CeaseFire, a program proven to reduce gun violence through coordinated efforts of community-based organizations, police and community leaders to identify and defuse potential violent situations

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

When: Thursday, March 19, 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.