



Media Advisory

May 20, 2009

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**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, May 21st at 10 a.m.  
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Resolution requesting that the United States Army Corps of Engineers adopt a plan to build the 17th Street Canal pumping station which does not require confiscation of the land that Coconut Beach currently occupies; and stating the Council's support for a more neighborhood-friendly location and design for the Orleans Canal pumping station
- Presentation from local criminal justice leaders and national experts about the Expedited Screening and Disposition Initiative, launched on March 31, which will expedite all practices from arrest to arraignment for simple possession drug cases
- Resolution opposing Louisiana House Bill No. 783 and the privatization of the John J. Hainkel Jr. Home and Rehabilitation Center, which serves the elderly and disabled populations of New Orleans; and requesting that the public be involved in any plan going forward relative to the selling or leasing of the Hainkel Home
- Ordinance to expand the effective date of the Algiers Economic Development District No. 1 to continue the growth and success of Federal City, a vital government installation
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Resolution commending and congratulating all those involved in securing the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans

- Update from NOPD Chief Superintendent Warren Riley on crime in the City
- Presentation on Mental Health issues by Judge Johnson of the Metropolitan Human Services District
- State of Culture Address by Irvin Mayfield

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

**When:** Thursday, May 21, 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.