



Media Advisory

May 6, 2009

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**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, May 7th at 10 a.m.  
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

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

- Motion to retain the RAND Corporation, in partnership with the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), to conduct an assessment of the Council's Utility Regulatory function
- Resolution which calls on the local business community to join with government and citizens to work with the University of New Orleans to preserve the educational and athletic programs currently being cut under the proposed State budget
- Resolution encouraging the State Legislature to search for new funding streams in order to continue the operations of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)
- Presentation celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of Boh Brothers Construction
- Presentation congratulating Quint Davis and the Jazz Fest Foundation on their 40th Anniversary and the largest Jazz Fest since 2001
- Presentation by representatives of the Vietnamese community of New Orleans remembering the Fall of Saigon
- Presentation on emergency shelters by Kristy Nichols of the Department of

## Social Services

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

**When:** Thursday, May 7, 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.