

New Orleans City and St. Tammany Parish Councils Extend Deadline for Hornets Broadcast Resolution

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New Orleans, LA - January 30, 2008 - Today, New Orleans City Council President Arnie Fielkow and St. Tammany Parish Council Chairman Jerry Binder announced that the original deadline of January 30, 2008 for Cox Communications / Cox Sports Television and Charter Communications to reach an agreement concerning the broadcast of New Orleans Hornets games on the North Shore has been extended to Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

Cox Communications / Cox Sports Television and Charter Communications have contacted Council President Fielkow and Council Chairman Binder to request a short time extension to continue their negotiations.

As a result, the joint task force meeting called by the New Orleans City and St. Tammany Parish Councils for Friday, February 1st, 2008 has been postponed until Wednesday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the New Orleans City Council Chamber.

New Orleans City Council President Fielkow says, "I am pleased that both parties are, in good faith, negotiating with each other to restore the broadcast of Hornets games to the North Shore. Therefore, Councilman Binder and I have agreed to extend today's deadline so that the parties can continue their discussions. The joint meeting called by the New Orleans City and St. Tammany Parish Councils has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 6th and it is my sincere hope that an agreement can be reached by the extended deadline."

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.