

Council Extends Districts "D" & "E" FEMA Trailer Removal Deadline, Addresses World Trade Center Lease Agreement, Supports Green Jobs Act & Energy Efficiency Grant Program and Honors Colonel Terry Ebbert

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New Orleans, LA - June 19, 2008 - Today the New Orleans City Council addressed the World Trade Center lease agreement, extended Districts "D" and "E" FEMA trailer removal deadline and supported the Green Jobs Act and Energy Efficiency Grant Program. The Council also honored Colonel Terry Ebbert, Director of Homeland Security.



*Councilmember Willard-Lewis and
Councilmember Hedge-Morrell*

***Extends Districts "D" & "E" FEMA
Trailer Removal Deadline***

The Council passed Ordinance Calendar No. 27,029 temporarily suspending, for a three-month period, all relevant provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) to allow the temporary placement of Temporary Housing Structures on private property affected by Hurricane Katrina in Council Districts "D" and "E."

The provisions of the Ordinance, co-authored by District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis and District "C" Councilmember James Carter, will not apply to property located within Central Business Districts and Vieux Carre Historic Districts.

District "D" Councilmember Hedge-Morrell said, "This ordinance will give these individuals, who in many instances have endured much trauma and agony for their determination to rebuild their homes, additional time they need to complete these matters. Residents have coped with many issues since the storm and they should not be faced with the possibility of being evicted."

The Ordinance specifies that trailers and travel trailers may be placed on public or private property with the permission of the owners after all necessary permits have been obtained from the Department of Safety and Permits.



Representatives of WTC, NOBC and Full Spectrum

Addresses World Trade Center Lease Agreement

Representatives from the World Trade Center (WTC) of New Orleans, the New Orleans Building Corporation (NOBC) and Full Spectrum, the selected developer for the World Trade Center building, appeared before the

Council to address the WTC lease agreement and provide Councilmembers with additional details regarding the terms and conditions of the lease.

Chair of the Special Development Projects & Economic Development Committee Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow said, "The WTC is a vital part of our future. It is imperative that we as the Council be well informed so that we can vote in a responsible manner."

The Councilmembers requested a detailed briefing regarding the details of the lease. The Council also emphasized the importance of ensuring the utmost accuracy in a timely fashion.

Supports Green Jobs Act & Energy Efficiency Grant Program



Councilmember Midura

The Council adopted Resolution R-08-325, authored by Councilmember Shelley Midura, calling upon the Senate and the House of Representatives to fully fund the Green Jobs Act and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in the 2009 Appropriations Bill.

The Green Jobs Act of 2007 pledged \$125 million in federal funding for "green" jobs training and the creation of "pathways out of poverty" for low-income adults.

Chair of the Utilities Committee District "A" Councilmember Midura said, "Energy efficiency is a core priority for the City of New Orleans - the creation of "green" jobs will open the door to a larger market for sustainable energy development and job expansion."

A fully funded Green Jobs Act and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program would make \$2 million of grants available to cities and local governments like New Orleans to engage in strategies to improve energy efficiency.



Colonel Terry Ebbert

Honors Colonel Terry Ebbert

The Council honored Colonel Terry Ebbert, Director of Homeland Security, for his hard work and dedication to the City of New Orleans.

Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson said, "Colonel Ebbert is a valuable asset to this City. Though it saddens us to say goodbye, we will celebrate the fact that he decided to retire in New Orleans and call us home - he is truly an American hero."

The Council presented Colonel Ebbert with a proclamation expressing the Council's gratitude and appreciation for his years of service in the New Orleans community.

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.