



NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL ~ INTO THE COMMUNITY COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE JACQUELYN BRECHTEL CLARKSON

Moderated the Signing of an MOU between the NOPD and the IPM

Councilmember Clarkson and her Criminal Justice Committee Co-Chair Councilmember Susan Guidry presided over the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Orleans Police Department and the newly elected Independent Police Monitor. By providing outreach to the New Orleans community and making thoughtful policy recommendations to the NOPD and the City Council, the IPM works to promote accountability and increase the NOPD's openness and responsiveness to the community it serves.

Took the Lead for the Adoption of the Master Plan

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,079 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Clarkson and Fielkow, providing for adoption of the Master Plan, also known as "Plan for the 21st Century: New Orleans 2030." This plan was selected by the American Planning Association (APA) to receive the 2011 National Planning Excellence Award as well as an award for Outstanding Large Jurisdiction Plan from the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Led the Development of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

Councilmember Clarkson led the effort towards the adoption of Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO), to be developed as the second phase of the Master Plan. The CZO translates the Master Plan's policies into user-friendly land use and development regulations, giving clear direction and a higher level of predictability to all users of the ordinance.

Encouraged Establishment of Neighborhood Participation System

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-439**, co-authored by Councilmembers Clarkson, Hedge-Morrell and Gisleson Palmer, requesting that the City Planning Commission (CPC) prepare and recommend a plan for neighborhood participation, as required by the Master Plan within the City Charter.

Led Vital Infrastructure Renovations on General deGaulle Drive

Councilmember Clarkson led the Orleans Parish Sewerage & Water Board to implement a \$5 million study of drainage on General deGaulle Drive in Algiers. This extensive study resulted in a \$22 million state project to construct new culverts

at canal crossings along the road to relieve flooding and renovate the community evacuation route.

Significantly Improved MacArthur Boulevard

Councilmember Clarkson secured funds for an infrastructure improvement project in a bond issue of 2004. Due to Katrina, the bond sale was delayed; the project was started in 2009 and completed in April of 2010, giving MacArthur Boulevard between Kabel and Woodland Drives a vital infrastructure overhaul.

Authored Outfall Canal Agreement and Future Implementation of Option 2a

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-157**, introduced by Councilmember Clarkson, thanking the U.S. Army Corps for finalizing an agreement between the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, Jefferson Parish and State officials to construct permanent pumps for the City's three outfall canals.

Encouraged Army Corps to Expedite Implementation of Local Coastal Protection Plans

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-303**, authored by Councilmember Clarkson, requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issue the emergency permits necessary to implement the plans developed by local authorities in response to the oil spill, including the construction and use of protective measures supported by the impacted local governments and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and that BP be directed to fund the implementation costs.

Called for Expedited Construction of Coastal Protective Measures

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-265**, co-authored by Councilmembers Clarkson and Fielkow, requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to issue the emergency permits necessary to allow the construction of each and every sand berm, rock dike and other protective measure recommended by the local affected parishes and the Louisiana Coastal Restoration Authority, and that BP be instructed to fund the construction of all requested measures.

Encouraged Expedited Investigation of Flood Protection Failure Resulting from Hurricane Katrina

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-389**, authored by Councilmember Clarkson, urging Congress to act immediately to establish a bipartisan Investigation Team, as called for in the 8-29 Investigation Act, to examine the events of August 29, 2005 and consider ongoing flood control and restoration projects in the region.

Supported Coastal Restoration Projects to Mitigate Effects of Oil Spill

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-283**, introduced by Councilmembers Fielkow and Clarkson, supporting the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East Coastal Advisory Committee's request to the United States Coast Guard Sector New Orleans to fund the implementation of specific projects to reduce damage caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill by providing a rock shoreline barrier to any oil that may enter Lake Borgne.

Councilmembers Survey Latest Oil Spill Damage in Plaquemines Parish

City Council President Arnie Fielkow and Council Vice President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson traveled with C-Span to Plaquemines Parish to speak with Parish President Billy Nungesser and survey the latest oil spill damage.

Councilmembers Surveyed Impacts of Oil Spill on Local Coastline on Boat Tour of Barataria Basin and Grand Isle

Council President Arnie Fielkow, Council Vice President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson and District "C" Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer toured the Barataria Basin and Grand Isle by boat to get a first-hand look at the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil leak on the region's coast.

Appointed Councilmembers-at-Large to Oil Spill Recovery Committee

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-263**, co-authored by Councilmembers Fielkow and Clarkson, appointing Councilmembers-at-Large Fielkow and Clarkson to the Oil Spill Coastal Zone Authority Recovery Committee on behalf of the interests of Orleans Parish.

Honored Local Katrina Heroes

In commemoration of the five year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the Council paid tribute to several heroes of the storm. At the request of Councilmember Clarkson, local heroes were honored for their service to the City during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Signed Army Community Covenant

On behalf of the Council, Councilmembers-at-Large Fielkow and Clarkson, in conjunction with representatives of the United States Army, signed the Army Community Covenant, a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to soldiers and families of the Army - Active, Guard and Reserve.

Supported Greater Efficiency in Criminal Justice System

The Council passed Ordinances (**Ord. # 24,246 M.C.S., Ord. # 24,247 M.C.S., Ord. # 24,248 M.C.S. and Ord. # 24,249 M.C.S.**), co-authored by Councilmembers Guidry, Clarkson and Johnson, mirroring the following offenses into Municipal Court prosecution in order to free up space for the prosecution of felonies in Criminal District Court: Simple possession of marijuana; Interfering with a law enforcement investigation; Flight from an officer; and Prostitution.

Amended Procedures and Enforcement of Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,193 M.C.S.**, authored by Councilmember Clarkson, amending the definitions and procedures for Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems in the City Code and bringing the procedures into compliance with the City Charter by moving enforcement of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems from the Public Works Department to the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).

Led a 'Call to Action' to Resolve the Mortgage & Conveyances Computer Crash

Councilmember Clarkson gathered leaders of the New Orleans Real Estate and Title Attorney industries to move towards a resolution of the October 26, 2010 Mortgage & Conveyances computer crash. Her leadership in bringing the necessary parties together led to the organization of volunteers to assist with record entry and resolve the data loss.

Established Commission to Govern City Recreation

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,126 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Fielkow and Clarkson, to establish the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, to provide for membership composition and length of terms of members to the Commission, its powers, duties and functions, and its administration. The Council also pushed to have the New Orleans Recreation Department placed in the City Charter as a Public-Private Partnership by public vote.

Secured Grants for NORD/NOBA Center for Dance

Councilmember Clarkson secured grants to help make dance accessible to all school-age children of New Orleans through the NORD/NOBA Center for Dance. Councilmember Clarkson helped restart the cultural community partnership between NORD and the New Orleans Ballet Association in 1992.

Sponsored NORD Theatre in National Competition

Councilmembers Clarkson and Fielkow co-sponsored a Harrah's grant which enabled youth actors of NORD/Crescent City Lights Youth Theatre to compete in the National Junior Youth Theatre Festival.

Supported Expansion of Family Reading Program

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-208**, introduced by Councilmember Clarkson, congratulating the organizers of Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities' Prime Time Family Reading Time on the program's success, and supporting their proposal to the U.S. Department of Education's Investing in Innovation Fund for further expansion of the successful model in Louisiana's schools.

Urged State to Properly Fund Higher Education

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-469**, authored by Councilmember Clarkson, urging the State of Louisiana to properly fund higher education and work with all components of the LSU system to mitigate the impact of future cuts upon University of New Orleans (UNO).

Organized a Free Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at Brechtel Park

Using a \$25,000 Harrah's Grant, Councilmember Clarkson planned and organized a free public concert at Brechtel Park in Algiers. The Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra's performance in the park brought in nearly 1,000 members of the community and garnered support for the park's post-hurricane repairs.

Authorized Donation and Lease of Saenger Theatre

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,153 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Gisleson Palmer and Clarkson, authorizing the Saenger Theatre Partnership, Ltd. to donate the Saenger Theatre to the Canal Street Development Corporation (CSDC). The Council also passed **Ord. # 24,154 M.C.S.**, allowing the CSDC to lease the property to the Saenger Theatre Redevelopment Company, L.L.C. so that the theatre can be renovated and reopened.

Congratulated the Saints

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-74**, introduced by Councilmember Clarkson, congratulating the Saints on the team's incredible and unprecedented victory over the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship, as well as **Resolution R-10-85** wishing the Saints the best of luck at the Super Bowl.

Required Full Disclosure of Contractors on City Contracts

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,986 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Fielkow and Clarkson, requiring city contracts to require the submission of a sworn affidavit listing all persons with an ownership interest in a contract and all persons retained by the contractor as a subcontractor in connection with the contract.

Authorized Extension of Opelousas Avenue into Federal City

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,192 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Clarkson and Gisleson Palmer, authorizing the City to construct and maintain an extension of Opelousas Avenue to act as the main entrance to Federal City. The Federal City Project is the largest Economic Development venture in the state.

Hosted the Return of the Algiers Bonfire

Councilmembers Clarkson and Gisleson-Palmer worked with the Algiers Economic Development to bring back the annual holiday concert and lighting of the Algiers Bonfire for the first time since Hurricane Katrina, bringing thousands of local residents together to bring in the holiday season. Councilmember Clarkson originally started the Algiers Bonfire tradition in 1991.

Supported New Entertainment and Retail Complex

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,925 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmembers Clarkson, Hedge-Morrell and Carter, authorizing a cooperative endeavor agreement between TAG Businesses, LLC and the City of New Orleans, authorizing the use of \$2,500,000 of Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds to assist with the development of The Inspire Entertainment and Retail Complex which will be located at St. Bernard Avenue and North Claiborne Avenue. The complex will consist of retail suites, The Perfect Bar and Grill, television and recording studios, a live entertainment Theater and a Grand Ballroom.

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