



## NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL ~ INTO THE COMMUNITY

### **COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE ARNIE FIELKOW**

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#### **Supported Creation of U.S. Export-Import Bank Regional Office in New Orleans**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-24**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, standing with the Louisiana congressional delegation in its call for a regional office of the U.S. Export-Import Bank to be opened in New Orleans.

#### **Supported Local Shrimp Industry**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-1**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, supporting the actions of Governor Bobby Jindal, especially the creation of the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, in cracking down on price fixing and mislabeling in the shrimp industry.

#### **Called for Deadline Extensions for Use of GO-Zone Bonds**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-125**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, calling on Congress to extend the deadlines for Orleans Parish to use its \$1.3 billion allocation of Gulf Opportunity Zone (GO-Zone) bonds.

#### **Encouraged Return of Rail Service between New Orleans and Orlando**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-163**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, renewing the Council's call for the return of passenger rail service between New Orleans and Orlando.

#### **Supported Continued Use of Michoud Facility**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-185**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, calling on the Obama administration to ensure that public and private entities continue using the Michoud facility for the manufacture of projects related to space exploration and other complementary growth industries, and hiring local skilled workers in the process.

## **Council President Arnie Fielkow to Discussed International Relations and Trade during a Visit with Honduran President Porfirio Lobo**

Economic Development Committee Chair Arnie Fielkow met with newly elected Honduran President Porfirio Lobo at the Presidential Palace in the capital city, Tegucigalpa, to build and expand trade partnerships with the city.

## **Encouraged Support of Small Businesses Affected by 2005 and 2008 Hurricanes**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-235**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, calling on Congress, as part of H.R. 4899, the Fiscal Year 2010 Emergency Supplemental, to include interest relief for businesses with Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans from the 2005 and 2008 hurricanes.

## **Supported Immediate Sharing of Offshore Oil and Gas Lease Revenues among Gulf States**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-237**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, supporting the efforts of Senator Mary Landrieu to immediately share 37.5% of the revenues derived from all offshore oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico among the Gulf states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

## **Approved Re-Composition of Sewerage and Water Board**

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,996 M.C.S.**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, submitting to a vote of the people in October 2010, a City Charter amendment revising the specified Councilmember membership to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to require that one at-large Councilmember and two other Councilmembers, all selected by the Council, sit on the Board.

## **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.

## **Approved Reform of City Recreation Governance Structure**

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,998 M.C.S.**, introduced by Councilmember Fielkow, submitting to a vote of the people in October 2010, a City Charter amendment to establish the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Supported Federal Government Efforts to Assist Communities Affected by the Oil Spill**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-264**, introduced by Councilmember Fielkow, supporting the efforts of the President of the United States and the federal government to assist residents of the Gulf Coast affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

### **Councilmembers Surveyed 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.

### **Encouraged Increase of Revenue Sharing Fund**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-287**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, requesting Governor Jindal and the Louisiana Legislature to include in the State's 2011 budget sufficient appropriations as provided for in the 1974 Louisiana Constitution to increase the Revenue Sharing Fund to an amount required to offset revenues lost by local governments as a result of the Homestead Exemption.

### **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.

### **Council Disaster and Recovery Committee Reviewed City Administration and BP Oil Spill Response Strategy and Councilmembers Tour Affected Areas of Lake Pontchartrain**

The New Orleans City Council Disaster and Recovery Committee held a special meeting to discuss the effects of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Following the meeting, Councilmembers Fielkow, Guidry and Gisleson Palmer participated in a boat tour of Lake Pontchartrain, which offered a firsthand look at the ongoing clean-up efforts in response to the presence of tar balls in the lake.

### **Adopted 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."

### **Supported Advisory Committee Recommendations Re: School Food Improvements**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-354**, co-authored by Councilmembers Fielkow and Johnson, extending the Council's thanks to the members of the Food Policy Advisory Committee and expressing support for its recommendations relative to improvements in school meals.

### **Pushed for Equitable Process in the Issuance of Road Home Grants**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-372**, co-authored by Councilmembers Fielkow and Johnson, urging the State to immediately take appropriate actions to implement the U.S. District Court ruling which prohibits the State of Louisiana from issuing any further Road Home grants based on pre-storm property value.

### **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.

### **Adopted 2011 City Budget**

City Council President and Budget Committee Chair Councilmember Fielkow led the Council in adopting Ordinances providing for a 2011 Capital Budget, 2011 Operating Budget of Revenues and 2011 Operating Budget of Expenditures (**Ord. # 24,222 M.C.S.; Ord. # 24,223 M.C.S.; and Ord. # 24,224 M.C.S.**). Additionally, the Council passed **Ord. # 24,221 M.C.S. (Amendments CTL-1AM and CTL-1)**, adjusting the property tax millage rate for 2011 to 13.91 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of property. The Council also passed **Ord. # 24,231 M.C.S.**, increasing the sanitation service charge per residential unit from \$12 per month to \$20 per month. The 2011 budget process followed a new national best-practice "Budgeting for Outcomes" model, which organized the overall budget by "result area" rather than by department, and focused on producing a more user-friendly budget by utilizing a citizen-driven process. As Budget Committee Chair, Councilmember Fielkow initiated a process which linked 2011 city agency budget expenditures to Council Committees having oversight of the agency's function.

### **Supported Appointment of Special Committee on City Pensions and Retirement**

The Council passed **Motion M-10-577**, authored by Councilmember Fielkow, authorizing the appointment of a Special Committee on Pensions and Retirement to consider issues of cost, fairness and continuity of institutional knowledge in making recommendations to the full Council concerning issues of shoring up the long-term solvency of the municipal pension and retirement system, the firefighter pension plans and the police pension plan.

### **Encouraged Public Support of New Orleans Hornets**

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-570**, introduced by Councilmember Fielkow, urging the citizens and businesses of New Orleans and the Gulf South region to show their support of the New Orleans Hornets by buying tickets, merchandise and sponsorships to help ensure that the Hornets and NBA remain in New Orleans.

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