



## NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL ~ INTO THE COMMUNITY **DISTRICT "A" COUNCILMEMBER SUSAN G. GUIDRY**

### **Supported Lafitte Greenway Steering Advisory Committee**

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,997 M.C.S.**, introduced by Councilmember Guidry, to reaffirm the advisory authority of the Lafitte Greenway Steering Advisory Committee over the Lafitte Greenway Corridor, which offers three miles of continuous open land, from Basin Street to the cemeteries located at the foot of Canal Street, connecting parks, bike trails and open public green spaces for the neighborhoods that lie along it.

### **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.

### **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, allowing the following offenses to be prosecuted in Municipal Court rather than in Criminal District Court: Simple possession of marijuana; Interfering with a law enforcement investigation; Flight from an officer; and Prostitution.

### **Supported Attendance Record Keeping for Boards and Commissions**

The Council passed **Ord. # 24,132 M.C.S.**, authored by Councilmember Guidry, to require all city boards and commissions to submit annually to the City Council and Office of the Mayor the attendance records for all board or commission members.

### **Approved Appointments to Public Belt Railroad Commission**

During a Special Meeting, called by Mayor Mitch Landrieu in accordance with his authority under the Home Rule Charter, the Council passed **Motions M-10-409, M-10-410, M-10-411, M-10-412, M-10-413, M-10-414, M-10-415, M-10-416 and M-10-417**, authored by Councilmember Guidry, ratifying, confirming and approving the appointments of members of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission.

### **Saved New Orleans Ratepayers Over 2 Million Dollars**

The New Orleans City Council Utility Committee passed **Resolution R-10-479**, instructing Entergy New Orleans, Inc. to withdraw its Purchased Gas Adjustment Undercharge Application, thus preventing Entergy from collecting over \$2 million from New Orleans ratepayers that had been under-collected during the period 2005-2009 due to the company's own accounting error.

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