



NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL ~ INTO THE COMMUNITY **DISTRICT "D" COUNCILMEMBER CYNTHIA HEDGE-MORRELL**

Addressed Report from District Attorney on 2010 Budget Allocation

The Council passed **Motion M-10-42**, authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, affirming that a state of emergency exists due to the fact that critical and essential services were eliminated from the District Attorney's Office as a result of the implementation of budget cuts. The Council also adopted **Ord. # 23,831 M.C.S., Ord. # 23,832 M.C.S., and Ord. # 23,833 M.C.S.**, providing for the transfer of funds to the DA's Office and appropriation of funds to restore essential services including public safety vehicle maintenance, procurement of EMS supplies, opening of health clinics and multi-service centers, resumption of blight hearings, and restoration of funding to the Office of Inspector General up to the mandated level.

Supported Relief Efforts in Haiti

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-56**, co-authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, acknowledging the devastation and suffering of the people of Haiti, and urging this City's Administration, the Louisiana Delegation and the Federal Government to do everything in their power to facilitate relief efforts on a continuous basis.

Ensured Collection of Rabies Vaccination Tag Fees

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,855 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, to create a new fund to be designated as the Rabies Vaccination Tag Fee Fund for the receipt and accounting of the proceeds of the rabies vaccination tag fees that have been dedicated to the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LA/SPCA). The Council also passed **Ord. # 23,853 M.C.S.**, to direct fees collected for municipal license tags for cats and dogs to the Rabies Vaccination Tag Fee fund.

Authorized Roll Over of Capital Projects Funds for Recovery Projects

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,856 M.C.S.**, co-authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, to amend **Ord. # 23,809 M.C.S.** to roll over 2009 Capital Projects funds to a designated list of recovery projects.

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.

Supported Expansion of Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club Facility

The Council passed **Ord. # 23,924 M.C.S.**, authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, authorizing a cooperative endeavor agreement between Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club and the City of New Orleans, authorizing the use of \$400,000 of Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds to stimulate economic development.

Supported Preservation of Historic Properties in Gentilly Terrace

The Council, led by District "D" Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, voted to overrule the Neighborhood Conservation District Committee's (NCDC) decision of "denial" of the demolition of historic properties located in Gentilly Terrace, with the understanding that none of the properties will be demolished until NORA independently evaluates each property and determines appropriate next steps. The vote to overrule the NCDC's denial was necessary because if no action was taken at this Council meeting, the issue could not be heard again for two years.

Encouraged Responsible Dog Ownership

The Council unanimously passed **Ord. # 23,970 M.C.S.**, authored by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, to promote a spay and neuter program for dogs, to establish an intact dog permit, and to establish fees and requirements for such permit and penalties for violations.

Approved Real-Time Energy Use Monitoring Pilot Program

The Council passed **Resolution R-10-234**, introduced by Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, approving the implementation, with specified requirements, of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Pilot. The DOE AMI Pilot is a real-time energy use monitoring program to study the effectiveness of real-time monitoring in reducing energy consumption.

Council Disaster and Recovery Committee Reviewed City Administration and BP Oil Spill Response Strategy

The New Orleans City Council Disaster and Recovery Committee held a special meeting to discuss the effects of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

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 an ordinance, informed by public input, that establishes a system for neighborhood participation.