

NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

1ST
QUARTER

2ND
QUARTER

3RD
QUARTER

4TH
QUARTER



WWW.NOLACITYCOUNCIL.COM



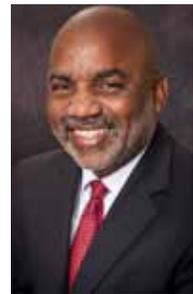
2012
LEGIS
LATIVE
ACTION

THE 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 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 Council is 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 the 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 public access television in Orleans Parish. Annually, the Council establishes its policy priorities for the upcoming year. The City Council is comprised of five district councilmembers and two councilmembers-at-large.



(L-R) Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Stacy Head and Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson.



(L-R) District "A" Councilmember Susan G. Guidry; District "B" Councilmember LaToya Cantrell; District "C" Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember James Austin Gray II.

A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS

A variety of issues including crime prevention, public safety and health, neighborhoods and quality of life, historic and cultural preservation, land use and master plan development, transportation upgrades and economic development, came before the City Council this year.

2012 was also a year of change in Council membership. When Councilmember At-Large Arnie Felkow resigned in 2011 to take a position with the National Basketball Retired Players Association, his chief of staff, Eric Granderson, was selected as Interim Councilmember At-Large. The City Charter stipulates that an Interim Councilmember is not allowed to run for the permanent seat. In a special election in March 2012, District “B” Councilmember Stacy Head was elected to fill the At-Large seat held formerly by Felkow, leaving the District “B” seat she had occupied vacant until a Special Election could be called.

In June, Mayor Mitch Landrieu selected former state lawmaker Diana Bajoie to serve as the Interim Councilmember for District “B.” Bajoie served in the state legislature for more than three decades, first elected in 1976 to the House of Representatives, and in 1991, she became the first African-American woman elected to the Senate. In July, District “E” Councilmember Jon Johnson resigned; and in August, Ernest F. Charbonnet, former Assistant City Attorney under Mayors Dutch Morial and Sidney Barthelemy, officially took his seat as Interim District “E” Councilmember.

A Special Election to fill these two Council seats was held; and in December, nonprofit management executive, LaToya Cantrell was elected to represent District “B,” and James Gray, attorney, was elected to represent District “E” on the New Orleans Council.

The legislative body continued its commitment to transparency, accountability and engaging the public in its legislative processes. The Council expanded video streaming and enhanced its meeting management system. These services, which will be accessed through **www.nolacitycouncil.com**, will provide electronic meetings packages that include legislative instruments, zoning dockets and reports, maps, images and other agenda-related documents. The documents will also provide “real time” online public access during a live streaming meeting. Wider, more immediate access to public information will also be available for use by City boards and commissions and other governing bodies.

The Council renewed focus on economic development and business growth, approving plans for the Costco development in Carrollton; clearing the way for a new Walmart and fast-tracking the Big Lots opening in Eastern New Orleans; creating the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District; and, approving agreements to redevelop the Riverwalk Marketplace. It also adopted new taxicab permitting regulations and vehicle standards, complementing previous

accomplishments of its Transportation Committee. In hand with its economic developments, these infrastructure upgrades ensure excellent transportation service for the community at large as well as the City's growing number of visitors and conventions.

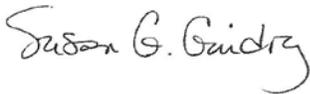
The New Orleans community still marks its development, growth and progress with the lingering memory of Hurricane Katrina. In presenting this 2012 year in review, we share our legislative priorities, program of work and determined commitment to renaissance. Working together – the Council, individual citizens, neighborhood groups and associations, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and businesses large and small – we help create a safe and vibrant future for the New Orleans we love and proudly call home.



President,
Stacy Head



Vice President,
Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson



District "A",
Susan G. Guidry



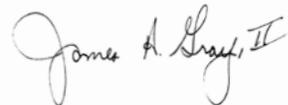
District "B",
LaToya Cantrell



District "C",
Kristin Gisleson Palmer

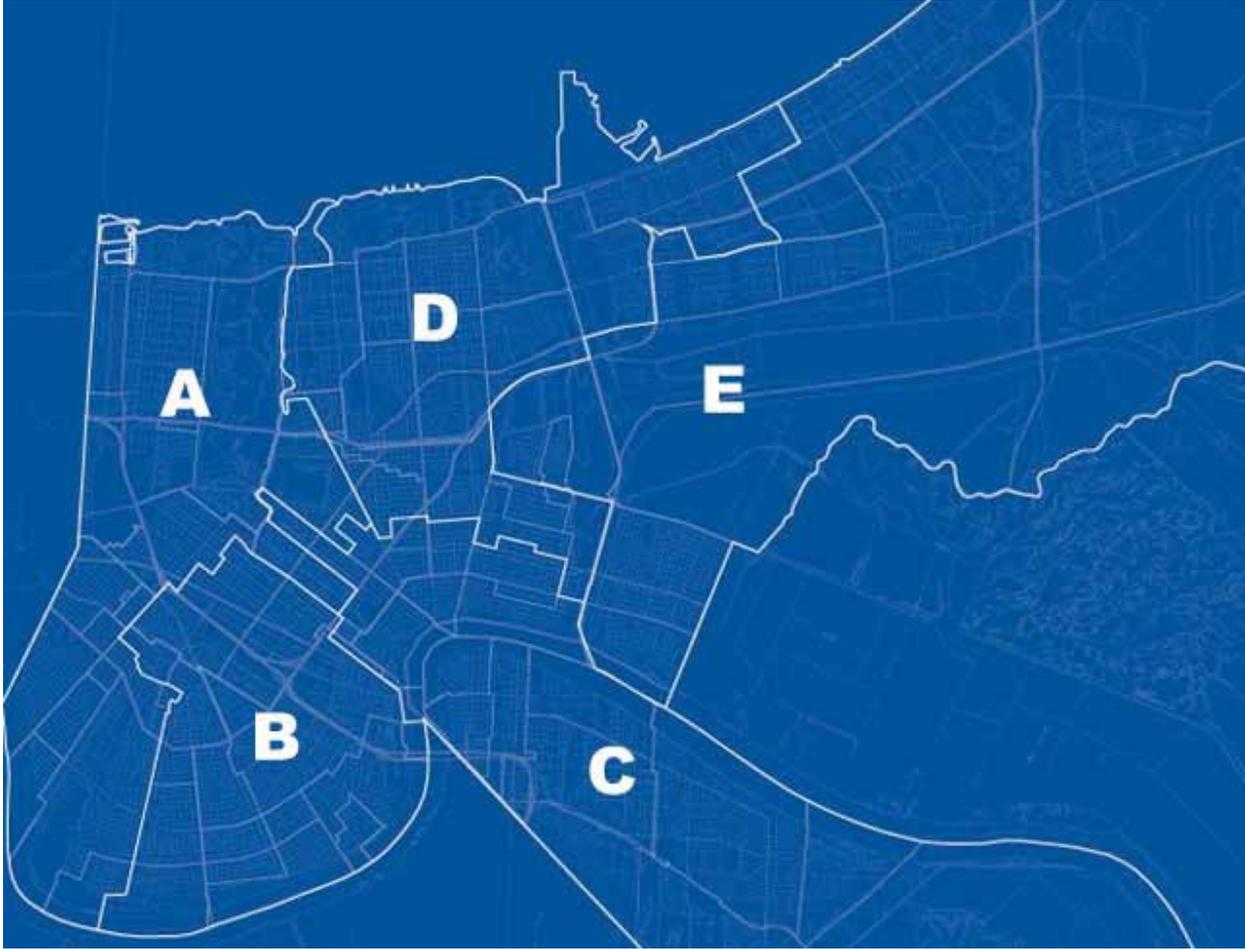


District "D",
Cynthia Hedge-Morrell



District "E",
James Austin Gray II





INTRODUCTION

This annual report provides the citizens of New Orleans with a legislative summary and recap of the City Council’s work in 2012. It reflects the issues, concerns and needs of the community, and responds to the many legal requirements of the City’s governance structure.

The 2012 legislative report also provides substantive evidence of the Council’s commitment to an engaged citizenry: addressing problems of crime and concerns for public safety; supporting community and economic development and business growth; providing public health and civic services; enhancing education, youth programs and recreational facilities; preserving unique historic, cultural and natural assets; and acknowledging achievements and accomplishments of religious, military, civic and social organizations as well as those of its native sons and daughters.

New Orleans citizens are encouraged to explore Council operations and engage the legislative process in greater detail by going online to www.nolacitycouncil.com. This important web site notes regular and committee meeting dates, provides agendas and summaries, and reports ongoing legislative issues and community work. Councilmembers and staff contact information is also readily available so citizens can express their views, interests and concerns directly to the public officials elected to serve.

THE 1ST QUARTER: JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH

CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY

Strengthened Weekend Juvenile Curfew in the French Quarter and Faubourg Marigny (January 5)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 28,787* (Councilmember Gisleson Palmer), modifying and amending current weekend curfew hours for minors, persons age 16 years or younger, in the French Quarter and the section of Faubourg Marigny containing the Frenchmen Street entertainment district. The ordinance amends the citywide juvenile curfew law adopted by the City Council in 1994, the first of its kind in a major American City.

“Public safety, especially the safety of minors, is crucial. This ordinance strengthens the current law and protects unsupervised minors from potentially dangerous situations in areas of the City that have posed significant challenges to law enforcement personnel.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

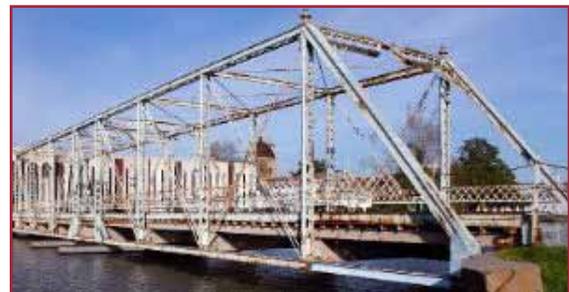
Commended NOPD on Mardi Gras Season Policing Efforts (March 1)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-77* (Councilmembers Guidry, Head, Palmer, Clarkson, Granderson, Hedge-Morrell and Johnson) applauding the efforts of the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and extending the Council’s gratitude to the NOPD for helping make 2012 Mardi Gras (estimated to be the largest crowd in New Orleans history) a safe and successful event for the City.

There were minimal reports of violent crime, and NOPD continued its policy of issuing summonses for minor violations rather than making custodial arrests. Police successfully removed 33 guns from New Orleans streets during the Mardi Gras weekend. During the Carnival Season leading up to Mardi Gras Day, NOPD also took positive steps to uphold its pledge to work with the Mardi Gras Indian community.

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Accepted Federal Funds for Restoration of Historic Magnolia Bridge on Bayou St. John and St. Charles Avenue Streetscape Project (January 19)



The Magnolia Bridge on Bayou St. John, one of two federally funded projects.

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-6* (Councilmember Guidry), accepting \$1.8 Million in federal funds for the restoration of the historic Magnolia Bridge on Bayou St. John and for the enhancement of portions of the St. Charles Avenue Streetscape. The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) has included both projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and designated the projects of regional significance.

Approved Utility Rate Settlement with Entergy New Orleans (February 2)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-29* (Councilmembers Hedge-Morrell, Guidry, Head and Gisleson Palmer), approving a utility rate settlement with Entergy New Orleans, Inc. that will result in a net decrease of over \$30 Million to New Orleans Customers. The Council’s Utility Committee approved the agreement and the full Council ratified the committee action.

The agreement allows Entergy to exercise its first-right-of-refusal to purchase 20% of the power to be generated at a new electric power facility that Entergy Louisiana LLC plans to build at the existing Ninemile Point Station in Westwego. The new 550 megawatt natural gas facility is expected to begin service in the spring of 2015 and improve system reliability, reduce dependence on the Michoud power plant, and deliver environmentally clean, generation diversity and fuel cost savings. This agreement will provide a reduction in electric base rates and continue the development and implementation of the *Energy Smart Energy Efficiency Program*.

“The best way for us to address our need for generation diversity, greater system reliability and to reduce customers utility bills is to add more efficient generation located as near to New Orleans as possible. This is a long-awaited victory.”

– District “D” Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, Chair of the Utility Committee

Approved \$1.5 Million Bond Issuance for the Public Belt Railroad (March 15)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-76* (Councilmembers Johnson, Hedge-Morrell and Gisleson Palmer), approving the Public Belt Railroad issuance of \$1.5 Million in bonds to be used to build a rail spur extension off the Public Belt Railroad along the Industrial Canal. The spur will be constructed over land leased by Transportation Consultants, Inc. (TCI) for company expansion. TCI will reimburse the Public Belt Railroad Commission for any costs incurred prior to the project and will also pay all costs for the project. Costs will not exceed \$1.5 Million and interest rates will not exceed 5.3% annum. All public improvements have been estimated and guaranteed by TCI.

“The building of a rail spur off the Public Belt Railroad along the Industrial Canal is a strong example of economic development and progress. This project is being paid for by Transportation Consultants, Inc., a private company and a good corporate citizen. TCI is contributing to important business growth in an area of the City that needs and welcomes development.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Councilmember Head, St. Louis Cathedral Business Manager Stephen Swain, Council President Clarkson, Young Artist-in-Residence Thomas Ospital and Reverend Monsignor Crosby Kern.

Recognized Young Artist-in-Residence at the St. Louis Cathedral (January 19)

Thomas Ospital, a Young Artist-in-Residence at the St. Louis Cathedral (2011-2012), received a Council proclamation recognizing his musical talent and contributions. The Young Artist-in-Residence program was established in 2009 and is a joint program of the St. Louis Cathedral and the Paris Conservatory. It is funded by the Elise M. Cambon Memorial Fund and the parishioners of the St. Louis Cathedral. Ospital, the third Young Artist-in-Residence, maintains an active

concert career not only in France, but in Germany, Greece, Holland and Spain.

Recognized Orleans Parish Sheriff's Young Marines (February 16)

Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman and the Orleans Parish Sheriff Office (OPSO) Young Marines appeared before the Council. Sheriff Gusman sponsors the OPSO Young Marines program, a youth education and service program for boys and girls, age 8 through completion of high school. The program provides an environment for youth that fosters a sense of pride in themselves, community and country. It also promotes mental, moral, and physical development and focuses on character building, leadership, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The youth, along with the assistance of adult staff, help police their own ranks, and in so doing, develop self-discipline, leadership and motivation. The Young Marines program is part of the United States Marine Corps youth drug demand reduction efforts. The Council presented proclamations honoring the important mentoring accomplishments of the Young Marines Program.

Celebrated Young Audiences of Louisiana, Joseph A. Craig Elementary Students (March 1)

Students of Joseph A. Craig Elementary, in conjunction with the Young Audiences of Louisiana, appeared before the Council to receive recognition. Young Audiences of Louisiana is a leading provider of arts education programs throughout the state. Over 2,000 students participate in Young Audiences after school programs throughout the City. Young Audiences is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In conjunction with the Young Audiences Winter Spotlight, the students of Craig Elementary performed at an event held in early February at the Ashe Cultural Arts Center. At the March Council Meeting, the students brought that performance to the Council Chamber.

Recognized Delgado Community College 90th Anniversary (March 15)

Deborah Lea, Interim Chancellor of Delgado Community College, appeared before the Council. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Delgado Community College. Since its opening in 1921, Delgado has continued to serve men and women of all ages throughout the

New Orleans metropolitan area. Delgado is a comprehensive, multi-campus community college and a major institution of higher education in the State of Louisiana. Together with its seven locations and over 20,000 enrolled students, Delgado forms a center for professional and advanced technology career education, academic pre-baccalaureate education, and traditional occupational training.

GOVERNANCE

Expanded Council Video Streaming with Addition of Legislative Documents to Meetings Management System (February 2)

The Council passed *Motion M-12-35* (Councilmembers Guidry, Granderson, Head and Hedge-Morrell) to enhance its Website Video Streaming and Meetings Management System to expand transparency efforts of the Council and other meeting bodies. The enhanced service will provide electronic meetings packages to include the agenda and as well as legislative instruments, zoning dockets and reports, maps, images and other documents related to the agenda item. Those documents will also provide “real time” online public access during a live streaming meeting. This addition to the streaming media services expands community outreach and public engagement efforts. The enhanced services will provide expanded and immediate access to public documents.

“The City Council’s video streaming and meeting management services currently accessed through www.nolacitycouncil.com have been well received by the public. Our goal is to continue to be technologically current, transparent and accessible.”

– District “A” Councilmember Guidry

Supported Orleans and Jefferson Parish Legislative Ethics Reform Effort (March 15)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-88* (Council President Clarkson and Councilmember Guidry), supporting a State House Bill sponsored by Orleans Parish Representative Jared Brossett and the companion Senate Bill introduced by Jefferson Parish Senator Conrad Appel, which will be introduced in the current Louisiana Legislative Session.

The Council fully supports the measures that will strengthen the offices of Inspector General in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. The bill provides the Office of Inspector General (OIG) with a more efficient subpoena process and protects sensitive information during the course of an audit, evaluation, inspection, or investigation. In 2006, the City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to create the OIG Office. In 2007, the Council amended the law giving the OIG administrative subpoena power and by resolution requested the Governor and the legislature provide the local OIG’s and Ethics Boards subpoena power and confidentiality protections.

“Ethics reform is integral to a strong and transparent government and ensures fair, effective and efficient services are provided to citizens. We fully support these state legislative bills that will strengthen in-place reforms and further rejuvenate public faith and trust in government.”

– Council President Clarkson

Adopted Labor and Employment Reporting Requirement on City Construction Contracts (March 15)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Cal. No. 28,899* (Council Vice President Granderson), requiring that contractors and subcontractors with city construction contracts of more than \$50,000 report to the City Attorney any current company violations of federal, state and municipal laws that govern labor and employment. Specifically, the contractor is required to give notice to the City Attorney within 90 days of the issuance of any labor violation determination. If the contractor fails to correct the violation within a 90 day period, the City Attorney will issue a written notice to the contractor and take enforcement action including civil remedies.

“This is a reporting requirement that assists the City Attorney to determine if the City is involved in contractual obligations with any company that is in violation of labor and employment laws.”

– Vice President Granderson



Councilmember Guidry, Councilmember Hedge-Morrell and the Grammy nominated Rebirth Brass Band.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Honored Rebirth Brass Band (February 2)

Members of the Rebirth Brass Band appeared before the Council to be honored for the band’s 2011 Grammy nomination achievement. Rebirth is nominated for Best Regional Roots Music Album. Formed in 1983, Rebirth Brass Band has evolved from playing in the streets of the French Quarter to playing festivals and stages around

the world. Rebirth is committed to upholding the tradition of New Orleans brass bands while simultaneously incorporating modern music into their now world-famous sound. The members of Rebirth pride themselves on their signature brand of funk that has attracted generations of music lovers.



Councilmember Guidry and members of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.

Recognized Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club (February 2)

Representatives of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club appeared before the Council. The Zulu Club is well known for year-round community involvement including providing Christmas gifts to needy families, participating in the Adopt-A-School program, contributing to the Southern University Scholarship Fund and

donating to a variety of nonprofit organizations. Zulu is the “everyman club,” its membership composed of people from all walks of life and professions. The Club has grown into one of the most popular Mardi Gras parades, and the Zulu Coconut has become the most sought after and treasured Carnival throw.

Presentation Krewe of Nyx (February 2)

Representatives of the new all female organization, The Krewe of Nyx, appeared and were honored by the City Council. The Krewe’s vision is to bring together women of all ages and diverse backgrounds to enhance the community spirit of Mardi Gras. Nyx was the Greek Goddess of night. The Krewe’s inaugural ride was Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. The parade follows the traditional uptown route.



Councilmember Hedge-Morrell and members of the Krewe of Nyx.

NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE

Acknowledged the Contributions of the Andrew “Pete” Sanchez Family (February 2)

The son of the late Andrew “Pete” Sanchez received a proclamation from the City of New Orleans acknowledging the commitment of the Sanchez Family to the redevelopment and revitalization of the Ninth Ward Neighborhood. The proclamation was received by June Sanchez, Andrew “Pete” Sanchez, Jr. and Janice Sanchez – wife, son and daughter-in-law of Pete Sr., one of the first appointed African-American City of New Orleans Department Heads. He served as Director of Property Management. The Andrew P. Sanchez Community Center was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina and is one of numerous City projects scheduled for redevelopment.

Celebrated Contributions of Community Leaders (February 16)

Community leaders appeared before the Council to receive special recognition, including Justin T. Augustine, III; Sister Jennie Jones, Pastor Douglas Haywood and Monsignor Earl Gauthreaux.

Augustine, Vice President of Veolia Transportation Services and General Manager of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), was designated a “Champion of Change” by President Obama’s Administration. He was nominated for work on the New Orleans Streetcar Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project, which has been instrumental in the push to extend streetcar lines through the Lower 9th Ward.

Sister Jennie Jones, another “Champion of Change,” was also honored for that designation and her work in the community. Sister Jennie has been a Sister of the Holy Family for 42 years. She served as a school principal for 27 years at various Catholic schools. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Sister Jennie worked to rebuild and expand St. Mary’s Academy to accommodate students and families displaced by the hurricane.

Pastor Douglas Haywood of the New Israel Baptist Church and Monsignor Earl Gauthreaux of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church were also recognized for their outstanding leadership in the community. Particularly in the months following Katrina, Pastor Haywood and Monsignor Gauthreaux made their facilities, provisions and services available to those in need.



All seven Councilmembers with Calvin Moret and his wife.

Honored Tuskegee Airman Calvin Moret (March 15)

One of the last surviving New Orleans Members of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen, long-time local business owner Calvin Moret, received special recognition by the Council. The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of African-American pilots who fought in World War II and were the first pilots in

the United States military. Moret trained at the Tuskegee Institute and was commissioned as a Flight Officer in November 1944. In 2007, he received the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the highest civilian awards bestowed by The Congress to an individual who performs an outstanding act of service to United States security, prosperity and national interest. Moret’s oral history of his service with the Tuskegee Airmen is featured at the National World War II Museum.

Congratulated Clerk of Council Peggy Lewis as New President of LMCA (March 15)

Council Clerk Peggy Lewis was recognized by Councilmembers and colleagues for becoming statewide President of the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association (LMCA). Lewis has been the Clerk of the City Council since August 2002. Her leadership activities with the LMCA began in 2006 when she was first elected to the Executive board. She has also served in high ranking positions as Public Relations Officer, Secretary Treasurer and most recently, in 2011, as Vice President. Lewis was sworn as President at the LMCA Annual Spring Conference held in New Orleans.



Council Clerk Peggy Lewis.

HEALTH CARE & CIVIC SERVICES

Requested State Identify Alternative Healthcare Cuts to Reduce Impact in New Orleans (February 16)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-64* (Councilmember Guidry) requesting the State of Louisiana and LSU Interim Hospital immediately identify any and all alternative ways to make necessary budget cuts that will not result in a reduction of mental health or substance abuse services and resources in New Orleans. The State recently announced \$29 million in budget cuts to the LSU Hospital System. LSU Interim Hospital will absorb \$15 million of those cuts, resulting in the elimination of beds for chemical detox and psychiatric patients.

Requested State Study Establishing Regional Mental Health Clinic (March 15)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-76* (Council President Clarkson) requesting the State of Louisiana and the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals study the feasibility of establishing a regional mental health clinic to augment the City’s currently overwhelmed outpatient health facilities.

Currently the burden of care and treatment falls to community-based outpatient services that are not well equipped to treat individuals with serious mental illnesses. During the first five years of the City’s recovery from Hurricane Katrina, a variety of mental health care professionals reported in articles and discussed in news media reports that many citizens who had returned to the City had some type of anxiety mood disorder and 30% experienced post traumatic stress disorder. Currently, with traditional health care systems in disarray or non-existent, citizens with chemical and systemic mental health issues prior to Hurricane Katrina have had almost no mental health care services available to them.

“It is of the utmost importance that we work quickly and efficiently to solve our current mental healthcare crisis on a short term basis. Simultaneously and beyond the immediate fix, we need to think in terms of a long term solution with a Metropolitan Mental Health Center which would take inefficient, ineffective use of state funds and refurbish them into state of the art inpatient care. New Orleans and the Metro Area deserve better from the State of Louisiana and it is our responsibility to bring this use of state funds to the attention of the Governor.”

– Council President Clarkson

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & AGREEMENTS

Authorized Cooperative Efforts with Jefferson Parish Law Enforcement District (February 16)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Cal. No. 28,846* (Councilmember Guidry and Council President Clarkson) authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Jefferson Parish Law Enforcement District, represented by Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand. Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Jefferson parishes currently have an Intergovernmental Agreement that establishes a regional public safety communications system. Together, the four parishes comprise the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) New Orleans Region.

Using federal, state, and local funding the parishes of the UASI have cooperated to build and maintain an interconnected communications network of voice and data technology. Because the prime site for the communication system is in the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO), the JPSO purchases and maintains the necessary equipment. The adopted ordinance allows Orleans Parish to reimburse the Jefferson Parish Law Enforcement District for contracts on behalf of the Region for maintenance and installation of communications equipment and software.

"This agreement offers Orleans and Jefferson Parishes resources to use in developing and implementing crime fighting strategies. As Co-chair of the Council's Criminal Justice Committee, I am keenly interested in looking at any and all strategies to assist law enforcement personnel to accomplish their challenging and important work."

– District "A" Councilmember Guidry



The Iberville Development.

Supported Iberville Revitalization (February 16)

The Council adopted *Ordinances Cal. No. 28,841* and *Cal No. 28,849* (Councilmember Gisleson Palmer) facilitating the revitalization of Iberville and its surrounding communities. *Ordinance Cal. No. 28,841* authorizes the Mayor of New Orleans to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City, the

Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), the Recovery School District (RSD), and the Iberville Revitalization Company, relative to the comprehensive revitalization of Iberville and its surrounding communities. *Ordinance Cal. No. 28,849* allows the City, HANO, RSD and Iberville Revitalization Company to enter into a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Agreement, facilitating the acceptance of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant for the amount of \$30.5 million for the revitalization of Iberville and the surrounding area. The Grant Agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities of HUD, HANO and the City for the implementation of the grant.

“I am pleased to see the revitalization of Iberville and its surrounding area move forward. We must ensure that this revitalization addresses the existing blight in these neighborhoods. These ordinances make important strides to this end. The Council is fully supportive of the revitalization efforts and their far reaching impact on the adjacent neighborhoods.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

LAND USE & MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Established Multi-Family Minimum Design Standards (Central City) Interim Zoning District (March 1)

The Council approved *Zoning Docket No. 2/12* (Councilmember Head), which establishes the Central City Multi-Family Minimum Design Standards Interim Zoning District. The zoning district prohibits the issuance of permits for multi-family uses prior to design review and approval of the City Planning Commission Staff, with the advice of the Historic District Landmarks Commission, and subject to appeal to the City Council, for compliance with the design review standards. The legislation works to ensure that new construction, and rehabilitations of existing family housing structures, will be high-quality and compatible with Central City’s unique character. An ordinance to formally adopt the zoning change will be adopted in April 2012.

“These design standards will ensure that only quality construction that enhances the built environment occur in Central City. We are seeing lots of positive growth in this area and we want it to continue. Central City is a great choice for home-ownership and business development. It is conveniently located near downtown and major transportation corridors.”

– District “B” Councilmember Head

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS GROWTH

Acknowledged Men’s NCAA College Basketball Final Four Local Organizing Committee (March 1)

The Men’s NCAA College Basketball Final Four New Orleans Organizing Committee appeared before the Council. The Mercedes-Benz Superdome again hosted this year’s tournament on March 31 and April 2, 2012. Beginning in mid-March, over 30 community outreach projects took place throughout the City. Several high-profile entertainment events have been organized in conjunction with the tournament. Among some of the events, Bracket Town, an interactive fan festival were held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center featuring skills competitions, clinics, and autograph sessions. And taking place in Woldenberg Park was be The Big Dance, a free three-day block party concert series.

Recognized Restaurant Depot Corporate Representatives (March 1)

Restaurant Depot corporate representatives received a Council proclamation recognizing the work of the company in providing local restaurants and nonprofit organizations with the highest quality fresh, frozen and dry foods, beverages, paper goods, cleaning supplies and equipment.

The New Orleans Restaurant Depot, located at 1111 South Broad Street, is known nationally as one of the company's top producing locations. Restaurant Depot is a members-only wholesale food service supplier. The company offers free membership to any business owner, manager, chef or authorized purchaser for a non-profit organization.

"I am pleased to recognize the contributions and successes of Restaurant Depot. Through this company's support and service to one of the City's signature industries and its commitment to neighborhood and economic revitalization, Restaurant Depot is a model corporate citizen of New Orleans."

– District "B" Councilmember Head



THE 2ND QUARTER: APRIL | MAY | JUNE

CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY

City Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership Make Council Appearance (June 28)

New Orleans Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas, Health Commissioner Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Criminal Justice Commissioner James Carter, and Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Colonel Jerry Sneed appeared before the Council to outline the Landrieu

Administration's *NOLA for Life: A Comprehensive Murder Reduction Strategy* to impact violence in the community and reduce murders. The murder-reduction strategy comprises 31 distinct programs designed to take a public health approach to reducing murders. The strategy includes: creating a team of Federal Law enforcement specialists to prosecute drug leaders; making teenagers aware of the consequences of criminal behavior; providing community conflict-resolution and trauma-counseling services; expanding mentoring programs; improving job and housing opportunities for ex-offenders and building public trust in the Police Department.



Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Col. Jerry Sneed, Criminal Justice Commissioner James Carter, Health Commissioner Dr. Karen DeSalvo and NOPD Superintendent Ronal Serpas.

"Not one section of the City has been untouched by crime. With the recent plans being implemented by Chief Serpas and the Landrieu Administration, I know that we will impact this disturbing violence that is bringing tragedy upon our citizens, threatening our neighborhoods and damaging our community spirit."

– Council President Clarkson

NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE

Adopted Loudspeaker Placement Ordinance Impacting French Quarter and CBD (April 5)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No.28, 967* (Councilmembers Gisleson Palmer and Head), which provides a definition for commercial enterprises with respect to noise-related ordinances and establishes regulations for the placement of loudspeakers in commercial enterprises within the French Quarter and the Central Business District. The measure governs the placement of loudspeakers specifying that they be located within interior walls of a building and must be directionally oriented away from doors, windows or other openings. Penalties for the first violation is \$500, for a second violation and any subsequent violation within 12 months of the initial violation, the fine shall be \$500 for each violation.

“With the passage of this ordinance, we have taken a first step to update the existing noise abatement ordinance. The goal throughout this process has been to balance the needs and concerns of the residents and businesses in the French Quarter and the CBD. As we review existing noise abatement laws, I will continue all efforts to engage the public regarding noise issues keeping in mind commercial and residential interests.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

Proclaimed NOLA Navy Week 2012 – April 17-23 (April 5)

United States Navy Rear Admiral Ann Claire Phillips, United States Navy Commander Timothy Riegle and New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation Executive Director Mark Romig appeared before the City Council to discuss NOLA Navy Week 2012 April 17 - 23, 2012.

In conjunction with Navy Week 2012, the Council passed *Resolution R-12-117* (Council President Clarkson and Councilmembers Granderson, Guidry, Gisleson Palmer, Head, Hedge-Morrell and Johnson) recognizing the historical contributions of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines and the U.S. Coast Guard; applauding the service and dedication of the men and women of the Navy and Coast Guard and welcoming visitors and participants to the City of New Orleans for the spectacle celebration of NOLA Navy Week 2012.

Recognized 20th Anniversary of Unity of Greater New Orleans (May 17)

Unity of Greater New Orleans Executive Director Martha Kegel, Sister Anthony Barczykowski, Brenda Richard Montgomery, Clarence Adams and Luis Zervigon appeared before the Council to recognize the 20th anniversary of the founding of Unity of Greater New Orleans (UNITY).



Unity of Greater New Orleans representatives appear before Council on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the organization.

UNITY, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that leads a collaborative of over 60 agencies providing housing and services to the homeless. UNITY leads community-wide strategies to end homelessness in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish. They also raise funds for 48 of its member agencies to provide a range of housing and services for the homeless in the city. Further, UNITY conducts homeless outreach on the streets and in abandoned buildings; rebuilds apartment buildings into homes for those who are homeless or low-income; helps the public locate affordable housing; and advocates for public policy to prevent and reduce homelessness.

Supported Vietnam Human Rights Act (June 28)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-166* (Council Vice President Head), which supports U.S. House Bill 1410, also known as the “Vietnam Human Rights Act,” that promotes freedom, democracy and human rights in Vietnam. There are approximately 28,000 Vietnamese Americans living in Louisiana, the majority of whom live in the New Orleans Metropolitan area. Despite a substantial growth in free trade with the United States, political freedom and human rights within Vietnam remain unsatisfactory. This Council resolution asks that local business owners stop trade with the government of Vietnam until adequate changes in human rights are made.

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Updated Energy Smart Conservation Efforts (April 5)

Administrators of the Council’s *Energy Smart Program* and Entergy New Orleans officials appeared before the Council to provide an update on conservation efforts throughout the city. The Energy Smart Program offers rebates and incentives to Entergy New Orleans electric customers for energy audits, high-performance A/C tune-ups, ceiling and wall insulation, duct and home leakage sealing, solar water heating and installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs. The program also provides rebates to Entergy New Orleans electric residential customers who upgrade window air conditioners or invest in central A/C units. For additional information visit the Energy Smart website at www.energysmartnola.info.

Adopted New Taxicab Permitting Regulations and Vehicle Standards (April 19)

The Council adopted a series of ordinances (Councilmember Gisleson Palmer) instituting reform of the City’s taxicab industry and for-hire vehicle bureau. Prior to passage of the ordinances, members of the Landrieu Administration appeared before the Council to discuss the purpose and intent of the ordinances. Taxicab and Tourism and Hospitality Industry representatives were also given an opportunity to voice their opinions to the City Council regarding the ordinances.



Taxicab Bureau Director Malachi Hull and Deputy Mayor of Operations Michelle Thomas testify before the Council on taxicab reforms.

Among the new rules, regulations and standards outlined in the twenty-four instruments that the taxicab industry will be required to adhere to and to implement are: credit-card machines, on-board surveillance cameras, fare meters and Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite-navigation devices. Cabs will also be required to be accessible to citizens with disabilities, and vehicles will have age limits. Beginning in 2012, vehicles must be 11-years old or newer. And, by 2014 vehicles must be 7-years old or newer. These reforms were designed to assist the taxicab industry in preparing and upgrading its infrastructure to ensure excellent transportation service for the 2013 Superbowl.

The measures passed were *Ordinances Calendar Nos. 28,930; 28,931; 28,932; 28,933; 28,939; 28,941; 28,944; 28,946; 28,948; 28,950; 28,951; 28,952; 28,953; 28,960; 28,962; 28,995; 28,996; 28,997; 29,000; 29,001; 29,002; 29,003; 29,004; and 29,005.*

“This package of taxicab industry and for-hire bureau reforms complements what we have already accomplished through the Council’s Transportation Committee. As Chair, I took a leadership role in the implementation of pedicab services, a Taxicab Passenger Bill of Rights and the creation of permits for accessible taxis. Efficient, accessible and aesthetically pleasing transportation alternatives for citizens and visitors have been a top priority of mine since taking office. We are making real progress. I pledge to continue working with the Council and the Administration to ensure that New Orleans has the most comprehensive and sustainable transportation system in America.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

Modernized Sidewalk Construction and Design Standards in the DDD (April 19)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 28, 965* (Councilmember Head) that clarifies permitting review processes and provides consistency in sidewalk design and construction within the Downtown Development District (DDD) boundaries. The ordinance, as amended, requires new or repaved sidewalks to be constructed with permissible materials and that planning and design standards are consistent within a particular block. The measure also specifies that a map and detailed plans which explain and categorize the type of sidewalk treatment permissible be made available for public inspection through the Public Works Department and/or the Clerk of Council.

“This is the culmination of a year of collaborative work with the DDD, the Department of Public Works and downtown stakeholders. These changes will modernize standards for sidewalk consistency and clarify permitting and plan review processes. The end result will be safer, higher quality, better-designed downtown sidewalks.”

– District “B” Councilmember Head

Authorized Airport Food and Beverage, Gift, News, Retail and Banking Outlet Leases (June 7)

The Council passed *Ordinances Calendar No. 29,007 and 29,008* (Councilmember Hedge-Morrell) that authorized the execution of leases at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport providing travelers new, innovative, high-quality food and beverage concessions, gift, news and retail outlets and banking amenities and services in the terminal, along concourses and in the baggage area. Under the executed leases, the Whitney Bank will provide expanded options and improvements for on-site banking and automatic teller machines. Armstrong Airport Concessions, Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services and joint venture partner Chase Catering and Concessions will operate a new food and beverage concession concept in 25 separate units throughout the Armstrong Airport.

Also adopted at the Council's Regular Meeting on May 3rd was related *Ordinance Calendar No. 28,974* (Councilmember Hedge-Morrell) stating that New Orleans Air Ventures will implement major capital improvements incorporating new designs to news and gifts, food and beverage, and locally-focused retail outlets will undergo major capital improvements.

Presentation by NOLA Wise On Energy Efficiency Options for Homeowners (June 28)

Representatives from Global Green USA, Green Coast Enterprises and the City's Office of Coastal and Environmental Affairs appeared before the Council to discuss energy efficiency options for homeowners. Global Green USA, an environmental nonprofit organization, manages the NOLA Wise program in New Orleans in partnership with the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance and the City of New Orleans. With the NOLA Wise program, homeowners can reduce utility usage and positively impact the environment. The program provides a turn-key service for weatherization of homes.

ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Marked Loyola University New Orleans Centennial (April 19)

Loyola University New Orleans Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Kvet and Director of Governmental Relations Tommy Screen appeared before the Council to mark the 100th anniversary of the receipt of its university charter and the centennial of Loyola University of New Orleans.



Loyola University Provost and VP Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Kvet and Governmental Relations Director Tommy Screen discuss the University's centennial milestone.

Since 1912, Loyola has played an integral role in shaping the history of New Orleans and the lives of its students by educating men and women in the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence. Currently, Loyola New Orleans is one of the top 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. To celebrate the centennial, the University is holding a series of activities and special events through 2013.

GOVERNANCE

Interim District "B" Councilmember Diana Bajoie Seated (June 7)

Former state lawmaker Diana Bajoie was seated as the Interim City Council Member for District "B". Bajoie assumed the District "B" seat vacated by Councilmember Stacy Head, who was elected in March to an At-Large Council seat.



Interim District “B” Councilmember Bajoie with Council President Clarkson and Council Vice President Head.

Bajoie served in the state legislature for more than three decades. She was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1976 and was the first African-American woman elected to the Senate, which she joined in 1991. In 2004, she was the first woman elected as Senate President Pro Tem. She left the legislature in 2008 and has worked as a community relations director for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Under the City Charter, the Interim Councilmember is not permitted to run in the November 6th election to permanently fill the seat. Bajoie was selected as the Interim Councilmember by Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

“To serve as a New Orleans City Councilmember is a great honor. I look forward to working alongside the members of this City Council and with Mayor Landrieu and his Administration to serve the great people of District “B.”

– Interim District “B” Councilmember Bajoie

HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Celebrated New Orleans - Rosh Ha’Ayin, Israel Partnership (May 3)

Mayor Moshe Sinai of Rosh Ha’Ayin, Israel, appeared before the Council to be recognized for the continued partnership between Rosh Ha’Ayin and the City of New Orleans. Mayor Moshe Sinai, working with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, has connected the two cities by hosting annual cultural exchanges. The 2012 cultural exchange embraced the harmonious roots of both cities. Educators from Rosh Ha’Ayin’s Music Conservatory explored New Orleans’ musical heritage, and musicians sat in on classes at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), jammed with musicians at Musician’s Village, performed at Irvin Mayfield’s Jazz Playhouse and attended Jazz Fest. The representatives the Rosh Ha’Ayin’s Music Conservatory also participated in events within the New Orleans Jewish Community.



Mayor Moshe Sinai of Rosh Ha’Ayin, Israel appears before the Council Vice President Head.

HEALTH CARE & CIVIC SERVICES LAND USE & MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Received City Master Plan Amendments for Consideration (April 5)

The City Planning Commission (CPC) submitted to the City Council its final Master Plan amendment recommendations under the first new City Master Plan amendment process. The City Charter requires a mandatory review of the Master Plan document for possible amendment at least once every five years, but not more than once per calendar year, and at any time in response to a disaster or other declared emergency. The public application process for proposing amendments to the Master Plan text and the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) was held June-August of 2011.

In the fall of 2011, the City Planning Commission conducted a public outreach effort which included public notices and community meetings to review and offer input on proposed amendments. The CPC held formal public hearings, and the CPC staff evaluated amendment requests, making final recommendations to the Planning Commission earlier this year. During this first amendment process, CPC received from the public 19 requests to amend the text of the Master Plan and 53 requests to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The CPC staff proposed over 700 amendments to the FLUM.

Approved Request for Interim Zoning District (IZD) Impacting University Development (May 3)

The Council passed *Motion No. M-12-150* (Councilmember Guidry) that directs the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing to determine whether to recommend to the Council the establishment of an Interim Zoning District (IZD), which would require that any college or university located in a historic residential district undergo a review process by the City Planning Commission for the construction of any building or facility that will result in a building or facility in excess of 250,000 square feet of gross floor area and will cover a footprint of more than 50,000 square feet.

In the fall of 2010, the Council adopted the City's Master Plan - *The Plan for the 21st Century: New Orleans 2030*. The Master Plan specifically addresses the attention and balance needed when considering college and university development in and near residential urban neighborhoods. Representatives from Tulane University appeared before the Council to object to the establishment of the IZD, citing that the action will impede its plans to construct a new football stadium on the uptown campus. Residents in the neighborhood opposing the construction of the stadium were also heard at the Council meeting.

“Today’s action reflects an effort to ensure that everyone is heard, and that at the end of the day a fair and transparent decision is made. Our purpose with the IZD is to give the City Planning Commission and City Planners time to thoughtfully and clearly study the zoning issues and the impact that this project will have on the surrounding residential neighborhood.”

– District “A” Councilmember Guidry

Approved Zoning for Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwich Shop in the University Area (June 7)

The Council approved a conditional use zoning designation to permit a Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwich Shop in the Uptown University Area. The business is located at 7621 Maple Street and is owned by New Orleans Saints Quarterback Drew Brees. Jimmy John’s is known for its fresh baked bread, meats and vegetables which are sliced fresh in-house everyday. Jimmy John’s also delivers and has catering services. There are 1300 sandwich shops located throughout the country. Several neighbors spoke before the City Council opposing the conditional use zoning designation. Brees appeared before the Council to speak in favor of the economic and fresh food benefits of the gourmet sandwich shop.

Approved Amendments to City Master Plan (June 28)

The Council adopted *Ordinance No. 29,058* (Councilmembers Clarkson, Head, Bajoie, Gisleson Palmer, Guidry, Hedge-Morrell and Johnson) to approve certain amendments to the Master Plan of the City of New Orleans as required by the Home Rule Charter. The amendments were recommended to the Council by the City Planning Commission. In related action, the Council passed *Motion No. M-12-228* that sends eleven of the City Planning Commission Master Plan Amendments back to The Planning Commission for public hearing and further review and consideration.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS GROWTH

Touted the Economic Impact of the NCAA Final Four Men’s Basketball Tournament (April 5)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-113* (Council President Clarkson) that touted the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for the economic impact made by the 2012 Men’s Final Four College Basketball Tournament to the New Orleans economy and the tourism and hospitality industry. The 2012 NCAA Men’s Final Four Tournament, held in the City March 31 - April 2, is estimated to have had a \$134 million economic impact and shined the national spotlight on New Orleans, showing it again as a premiere destination for families and sports enthusiasts.

“The City of New Orleans is grateful to the NCAA for allowing our City to play host to the Men’s Collegiate Final Four Basketball Tournament this year. Our City is sincerely grateful for your presence in the Crescent City and the contributions made to the local economy and the promotion of the New Orleans tourism and hospitality industry.”

– Council President Clarkson

Approved Plans for Costco Development and Proposal to Revitalize the Carrollton-Palmetto Corridor (June 28)

Costco Wholesale Corporation Vice President of Real Estate Development Jackie Frank and Development Director Ted Johnson appeared before the Council to present plans for the new Costco development to be located on the site of the former Carrollton Shopping Center across from Xavier University. Costco, a membership warehouse club, provides a wide selection of quality brand-name merchandise. The company is the seventh largest retailer in the world and has over 590 locations open worldwide. Costco plans to invest more than \$40 million on the development and will eliminate a huge pocket of blight along an otherwise thriving commercial corridor of the City. Costco is expected to generate millions in sales tax dollars.

In related action, the Council approved the City Planning design recommendations moving the Costco project forward and passed *Resolution R-12-200* (Councilmember Guidry), which proposes the creation of the “Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District” with the Council as governing authority. The resolution directs that the City hold a public hearing to hear from citizens. The legislative action also notes the future intention of the Council is to pass an ordinance approving a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City, the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District, and Costco Wholesale Corporation, to create a special trust fund for the furtherance of economic development projects.

“The construction of the Costco store and the proposed creation of the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District will economically and physically transform the neighborhood as well as strengthen the entire Carrollton Corridor. Costco’s entrance into the New Orleans market will keep shopping dollars in the City, encourage community partnerships and provide well-paying full and part-time jobs for our citizens.”

– District “A” Councilmember Guidry

Directed City Planning to Fast Track Big Lots’ Opening in Eastern New Orleans (June 28)

The Council passed *Motion M-12-224* (Council Vice President Head) that directs the City Planning Commission to streamline planning processes to expedite the opening of a Big Lots store in New Orleans East. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Big Lots was a retailer in New Orleans East, and the company looked to return to the area by November. Big Lots has over 1,400 stores open nationwide and has annual sales that approach \$5 billion. The company sells first-quality, brand-name products at substantially lower prices than other retailers.

“The opening of Big Lots will promote the location of other retail development to the Eastern New Orleans Community. This company’s return is a great indicator that the East is a viable market for large scale retail. I intend to continue any and all efforts to ensure Big Lots opens its doors this fall and work to improve economic conditions and the quality of life for every resident of New Orleans East.”

– Council Vice-President Head

THE 3RD QUARTER: JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER

CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY

Issued an Election Call for the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District (July 26)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-258* (Councilmember Guidry) calling for a special election for November 6 to create the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District. If the crime prevention district is approved by voters, the tax will levy a fee of up to \$220 per year on each improved or unimproved single and two-family residential parcel and each multiple-dwelling or apartment parcel located within the district for a period of up to four years. The tax will be used to promote additional security for the Lake Vista neighborhood located in Council District “A.”

Called Election to Consider Creation of the Gentilly Terrace and North Kenilworth Security Districts (August 9)

The Council passed *Resolutions R-12-297 and R-12-298* (Councilmember Hedge-Morrell) issuing calls for a special election on November 6th in the Gentilly Terrace and North Kenilworth Subdivisions, for the purpose of considering creating security and improvement districts in each subdivision. The North Kenilworth proposition specifies an 8 year levy not to exceed \$300 per parcel of land beginning January 2013. The Gentilly Terrace proposition specifies a 3 year levy not to exceed \$260 per residential parcel and not to exceed \$360 per commercial parcel beginning in January 2013.

“Voters will make their decision on this ballot measure on November 6th. If the propositions pass, these neighborhoods will receive supplemental security patrols financed with the additional resources derived from the tax levy.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell



New Orleans East Hospital Rendering.

Authorized Hazard Mitigation Funds for New Orleans East Hospital Construction (September 20)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29, 187* (Councilmember Charbonnet and Council Vice President Clarkson) authorizing the Mayor of New Orleans to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and the Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A (HSD) to utilize the \$8.4 Million Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds. The purpose of the grant funds is to reduce and manage risks to human life, the environment and property for the New Orleans East Hospital. The HMGP funds will be utilized to strengthen the outside envelope of the structure for enhanced protection against wind hazards, and the utility controls and backup generators will be elevated to a sufficient height to protect the master control system from damage by potential flood waters.

Major progress has been made towards the building of the new hospital. Since last year, \$26 million in new funds have been acquired for the hospital. Earlier this summer, the HSD submitted an application for a loan guarantee to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Design drawings for the facility have been completed and construction documents are in development.

“These funds will ensure the structural safety of the hospital in the event of natural and man-made disasters. This is progress for the citizens of New Orleans East, as we move a step closer to having a high quality, full service hospital.”

– District “E” Councilmember Charbonnet

NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE

Remembered Bridge House Leader “Buzzy” Gaiennie (July 12)

The City Council honored the memory of the late Richard M. “Buzzy” Gaiennie, former CEO of Bridge House. Buzzy’s wife Barbara, daughter Michelle, and Bridge House CEO Else Pedersen appeared before council to deliver remembrances of “Buzzy” and to announce that the organization would dedicate and name its building on Earhart Boulevard in his honor.

Bridge House was started in 1957 when a group of alcoholics trying to recover realized that alcoholics and addicts living on the street had little chance of recovery. Bridge House offers professional counseling on par with some of the finest substance abuse treatment facilities in the country to members of the community who cannot obtain treatment and stable housing on their own. A recovering alcoholic, Richard “Buzzy” Gaiennie came to Bridge House in 1984 to become its Executive Director and was named CEO in 2006. Buzzy served as a spiritual guide and counselor to many as he devoted his life and energy to help others recover from addiction. Buzzy passed away on August 13, 2011. As a beloved member of the Bridge House family, Buzzy’s love for the work of Bridge House will be reflected for generations to come.

Urged Seven-Day-A-Week Print Publication of the *Times-Picayune* Newspaper (July 26)

Council President Clarkson introduced *Resolution R-12-284* (Councilmembers Guidry, Bajoie, Gisleson Palmer, Head, and Hedge-Morrell) that urged the *Times-Picayune* to take any and all actions, including sale of the newspaper, to ensure continued seven-day-a-week print publication for its loyal readers in New Orleans, the Gulf Coast region, and throughout the Nation.

On January 25, 1837, the *Picayune* newspaper began printing in New Orleans providing an inexpensive alternative to roughly a dozen French and English language competitors. By 1980, the *Times-Picayune* was the only daily newspaper in the New Orleans Metropolitan area. Since then the *Times-Picayune* has built a loyal following of readers, both in the New Orleans area and around the country due to its reliable and often heroic journalism. The *Times-Picayune*'s recent efforts to move our community into an "era of innovation and entrepreneurship" includes an unfortunate decision to publish the printed paper only three times a week on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. This cutback of the printed publication has ignited a firestorm of negative feedback from the *Times-Picayune*'s faithful readers. Members of the New Orleans City Council, along with many others, feel that the *Times-Picayune*'s efforts to modernize should include offering additional online features without weakening the power of the daily print. This Council resolution strongly encourages the *Times-Picayune* to reconsider their decision and continue to print seven days a week.

"It is difficult to see the *Times-Picayune* cutback its printed publication to only three days a week if we are to become the world class city that we expect to be. This is unacceptable. We urge the *Times-Picayune* to reconsider its decision and return to its roots of serving the people of New Orleans and the loyal readers around the country with a seven-day-a-week print publication."

– Council President Clarkson

Acknowledged the Contributions of the Drago Cvitanovich Family to the NOLA Community (July 26)

The City Council acknowledged contributions of the Drago Cvitanovich family for service and commitment to the betterment of the hospitality industry and the community at large. Mrs. Klara Cvitanovich, Gerald "Jerry" Cvitanovich (son), and Little Drago Cvitanovich (grandson) appeared before the Council to receive a proclamation and celebrate the 90th birthday of Drago's founder, Drago Cvitanovich. Founded in 1969, the famous Drago's Seafood restaurant began in Metairie and has since expanded to a second location at the Riverside Hilton. Perhaps the Cvitanovich family's greatest contribution to the community came after the storm when they, together with restaurant employees, gave away nearly 80,000 meals to those in need.

Presented New Orleans Homeowner Low Interest Bond Program (August 9)

The Council received a presentation from Mtumishi St. Julien, Executive Director of the Finance Authority of New Orleans, outlining a new low interest bond program for Orleans residents interested in purchasing a home. The new program offers both first time and non-first time home purchasers a low interest rate first mortgage loans with closing cost options. For additional information www.financeauthority.org



Parkway 30 years of service.

Recognized Parkway Partners' 30 Years of Service to New Orleans (August 23)

The Council recognized the milestone anniversary of the Parkway Partners organization for its thirty years of service to New Orleans. The organization was founded in 1982 by Flo Schornstein, the former Director of the City's Commission of Parks and Parkways, under Mayors Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, Sidney Barthelemy, and Marc H. Morial. Also presenting before the Council were Parkway Partners Executive Director Jean Fahr and Board President Jim Lestelle. The non-profit Parkway Partners, the first such public-private initiative in the City's history, empowers residents to improve their communities through

preservation, maintenance and beautification of urban gardens, playgrounds and parks in New Orleans. Recently, the organization announced a five year plan to further reforest Orleans Parish and strengthen neighborhoods. On October 25th, Parkway Partners celebrates its 30th Anniversary at a gala honoring thirty individuals and organizations that have made possible the organization's last three decades of success and achievement. For more information visit www.parkwaypartnersnola.org

"Since 1982, Parkway Partners has been the first and one of the City's most important public private partnerships providing assistance, resources and support to government and neighborhoods. This organization reminds us all that our beautiful and historic urban forest is to be appreciated, maintained and reforested. Parkway Partners has stood the test of time. We are grateful for their contributions and the difference that the organization has made in New Orleans over three decades."

– District "A" Councilmember Guidry

Honored Retiring Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Kitty Kimball (September 6)

Retiring Chief Justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court, Catherine "Kitty" Kimball, appeared before the City Council where she was recognized by proclamation for outstanding service to the people of Louisiana. Chief Justice Kimball is the first woman to serve the State's High Court as Chief. She joined the State Supreme Court as an Associate Justice in 1992, and became Chief Justice in 2009. She was also a District Judge in the 18th Judicial District Court and founder of the Sunshine Foundation, a non-profit organization that distributes free books to Louisiana preschoolers.



Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Kitty Kimball with Council Vice President Clarkson.

Chief Justice Kimball is a graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. She was named LSU Law Center Outstanding Alumni (1999) and the Louisiana Bar Foundation Distinguished Jurist (2006). The Chief Justice is a member of the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame. She has also served in leadership positions on a variety of committees, including the Juvenile Justice Implementation Commission, Louisiana Information Technology Advisory Board and Chair of the Judicial Council.



Councilmembers Hedge-Morrell and Bajoie with former Saint Deuce McAllister.

Honored Former New Orleans Saint Deuce McAllister (September 20)

The Council honored former New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister for his recent induction into the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. McAllister began his career with the New Orleans Saints after being selected 23rd overall in the 2001 NFL draft. Most people remember him for his power, or for those thick legs relentlessly churning forward for extra yards. From the 2001 to 2003 seasons, Deuce rushed for over 4,000 yards and was selected to the Pro Bowl for the 2002 and 2003 seasons. His career hit a roadblock in 2005 when

he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his right knee. After bouncing back in the 2006 season with his fourth 1,000 yard season he tore his left ACL in 2007, which eventually led to his retirement in 2008. The Saints organization demonstrated both love and respect for Deuce when the team re-signed him during the 2009-2010 playoffs. He led the team onto the field and was ultimately awarded a Super Bowl ring after the team's historic Super Bowl victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

“On and off the field Deuce is an ideal role model for the children and youth of New Orleans. The City Council is delighted to have Deuce McAllister in the Chamber, a true Saints great. Congratulations on your induction into the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame.”

– District “B” Councilmember Diana Bajoie

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Received DOTD Information on Crescent City Connection Tolls (August 23)

The Council received a presentation from Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Secretary Sherri LeBas outlining the DOTD's plan for the Crescent City Connection (CCC) should tolls not be renewed at the end of the year.

If the bridge tolls were not renewed, among the options being reviewed by DOTD were privatization of bridge operations and maintenance or reprogramming of the DOTD budget to assume CCC financial obligations. For over twenty years, the bridge traffic toll has been a steady source of revenue dedicated to bridge maintenance, police protection, ferry operations, and capital projects. The CCC is the fifth most traversed bridge in the United States. Voters in Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines parishes were decide if the CCC’s tolls were continue in an election scheduled on November 6th.

“It is important that we have realistic information about what it actually takes to maintain and operate this important transportation artery, the fifth most traversed tollbridge in the United States. Without the tolls, public safety and quality of life will be severely impacted.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer



Amtrak’s Sunset Limited.

Supported Expansion of Sunset Limited Passenger Rail Service (August 23)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-321* (Councilmember Gisleson Palmer), which supports expansion of the transcontinental route of the Amtrak passenger train Sunset Limited. The Sunset Limited was the nation’s only true transcontinental passenger railway service. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans to Orlando route was destroyed. Since that time, cities and towns east of New Orleans have not had passenger train service, isolating this population from the nation’s transcontinental route. The

Federal Passenger Rail Investment Act of 2008 required Amtrak to submit a plan to restore passenger rail service between New Orleans and Jacksonville, Florida. The train tracks along this route have been repaired, and they provide freight train service from Louisiana to Florida. The Council resolution asks that passenger train traffic be allowed to utilize the restored route currently being used by freight train traffic.

“The full restoration of the Sunset Limited’s transcontinental passenger rail service is vital to our community, state, and country. This is an important alternative mode of transportation, for not only the people of New Orleans, but also for the residents of the entire Gulf South.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

Approved Amended American Airlines Airport Lease Agreement (August 23)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,143* (Councilmember Bajoie) authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, acting by and through the New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB), to amend an existing lease with American Airlines. After filing for bankruptcy in late 2011, American Airlines acted on provisions offered them by the bankruptcy law to amend the standing lease with the NOAB. The amended lease agreement retains its current terms, but allows for a reduction in the amount of space being rented. The NOAB staff has negotiated a proposed reduction in rentable space that has been approved by the NOAB offering American Airlines and its affiliates a cutback from 151,738 sq. ft. to 38,002 sq. ft. This agreement benefits both The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and American Airlines by opening additional lease space for the airport while ensuring that American Airlines continues operations at the New Orleans airport.

“The lease between the New Orleans Aviation Board and American Airlines has been approved and ensures that American Airlines continues operations at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.”

– District “B” Councilmember Bajoie

Initiated Inquiry into Entergy’s Post-Hurricane Isaac Disaster Response (September 6)

The Council passed *Resolution No. R-12-332* to conduct an inquiry and fact finding examination of Entergy New Orleans (ENO) and Entergy Louisiana’s (ELL) preparation, response and storm recovery efforts Post Hurricane Isaac. Pursuant to the Louisiana Constitution and the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the Council of the City of New Orleans is the governmental body with the power of supervision, regulation and control over public utilities providing services within the City of New Orleans. To that end, the Council will exercise its retail regulatory responsibility to assure the companies are providing safe and reliable service, and that the costs that are incurred for recovery from New Orleans ratepayers are the result of prudent actions. The purpose of the hearing is to determine how post-Katrina recovery funds and storm reserve funds have been used, and whether the companies’ systems have been restored and improved in the most effective manner. The dates and locations of all hearings are open to the public and advance notice will be provided.

“I do not want there to be a misimpression that we, as a City, are ungrateful for the long hours and hard work expended for our benefit. However, as regulators of this monopoly, it is incumbent upon the City Council to ask the necessary questions to assure that Entergy New Orleans and Entergy Louisiana acted prudently and with appropriate speed before and after Isaac. And this event requires that we examine the companies’ routines that may help mitigate future outages.”

– Council President Head

Recognized Fay Faron, Founder of “Friends of the Ferry” (September 20)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-347* (Council Vice President Clarkson and Councilmember Gisleson Palmer) commending the leadership and commitment of Fay Faron, President and founder of the non-profit “Friends of the Ferry.” Started in 2006, “Friends of the Ferry” is the first citizen grassroots organization to effectively bring public and political awareness to the necessity of our City’s ferries. The organization’s mission supports, protects and enhances the continued operation of the ferries in the Greater New Orleans Area. Recently, ferry operation funding has been in jeopardy with the possibility of the removal of tolls from the Crescent City Connection (CCC). Fay Faron worked to support and promote the bill in the Legislature that would allow the continuation of the CCC tolls by a vote of the people. Funding from the CCC tolls finances a portion of the operation of the ferry system.

“The Mississippi River ferries are a vital component of our public transportation system. They are practical and sustainable modes of travel across our community. And, they especially belong uniquely to the culture of New Orleans.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Recognized Youth Development Work of Covenant House New Orleans (September 6)

The City Council recognized Covenant House New Orleans on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. Covenant House is the only local provider of services to homeless and at-risk youth. Covenant House shelters an average of over 100 homeless young people nightly at its 70-bed Crisis Center and two transitional living residences. Covenant House has touched the lives of more than 17,000 youth, providing them with food, shelter, clothing, medical attention, individual and family counseling, substance abuse management, educational assistance and vocational and job training.



Jim Kelly, Executive Director of Covenant House.

“The Council takes great pride in recognizing Covenant House for its critical work on behalf of the youth of New Orleans. Covenant House’s mission, giving our young people a safe haven and engaging them in productive activities a world away from potential life threatening dangers and criminal elements, is of immeasurable assistance to the City.”

– District “A” Councilmember Guidry



*Louisiana Supreme Court Justice
Bernette Johnson.*

GOVERNANCE

Supported Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Bernette Johnson (July 12)

Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell introduced *Resolution R-12-254* and the City Council passed the measure, co-authored by Councilmembers Johnson, Bajoie, Gisleson Palmer, Clarkson, Guidry and Head, supporting Justice Bernette J. Johnson to succeed Chief Justice Catherine Kimball as Chief Justice, as she is the longest serving justice on the Louisiana Supreme Court.

In 1994, Justice Johnson was elected by voters of the City of New Orleans to fill a seat on the state appeal court, but was permanently assigned to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court. The assignment was the result of the settlement of a lawsuit claiming that the system for electing judges marginalized the black vote and violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The settlement created an eighth Supreme Court District, to which Justice Johnson was assigned. Justice Johnson served in the eighth Supreme Court District until the court reverted back to seven districts in 2000, when she was elected again. As the eighth Justice, Justice Johnson was to be treated in exactly the same way as the other seven Justices and was “in all ways” a full justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Currently, Justice Johnson is suing to end debate and voting on whether she is legally allowed to become the next chief Justice, arguing that she is next in line according to the state constitution. If Justice Johnson prevails, she will become the first African American Chief Justice in Louisiana.

“It is troubling that Justice Johnson’s position as next-in-line to be Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court is in doubt. She has served the state’s highest court with honor and dignity since 1994, making her the rightful candidate for Chief Justice under the state constitution.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell



*New Interim District “E” Councilmember
Ernest F. Charbonnet.*

Charbonnet Officially Seated as Interim District “E” Councilmember (August 9)

Ernest F. Charbonnet, lawyer, former Assistant City Attorney under Mayors Dutch Morial and Sidney Barthelemy, and longtime New Orleans East advocate, officially took his seat as Interim District “E” Councilmember. Councilmember Charbonnet is a graduate of St. Augustine High School. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Xavier University and received a Juris Doctorate from Loyola University. Since his Council

appointment Charbonnet visited neighborhoods and worked diligently to insure that ongoing economic and community development projects stay on course. A Special Election is scheduled November 6th to fill the Council seat permanently. A run-off election, if necessary, would be held on Saturday, December 8th. The City Charter stipulates that the Interim Councilmember is not allowed to run for the permanent seat.

"I have no agenda and no upcoming election to concern myself with. I have the freedom to accomplish as much as I possibly can, and that is exactly what I am going to do."

– District "E" Interim Councilmember Charbonnet

Commemorated 225th Anniversary of the U. S. Constitution (September 6)

The Council passed *Resolution No. R-12-334* (Council Vice President Clarkson) that marks the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, the supreme law of the land and the document by which the country is governed. The Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America will lead the commemoration with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Lafayette Square statue of Benjamin Franklin on September 15, 2012. Benjamin Franklin was a prominent delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and a signer of the Constitution. The American Revolution secured the independence of the United States of America and made possible the vibrant system of self-government of the United States.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Dedicated Plaza in Honor of the Late Opera Singer Norman Treigle (August 9)

The Council adopted *Ordinance No. 29,139* (Council Vice President Clarkson and Gisleson Palmer) to name and dedicate the square in front of Mahalia Jackson Theatre of the Performing Arts, Treigle Plaza, in honor of the late opera singer Norman Treigle. Born in New Orleans in 1927, Treigle made his operatic debut with the New Orleans Opera Association at the Municipal Auditorium in 1947. Treigle studied at Loyola University’s College of Music and went on to perform at the New York City Opera. He was internationally recognized as one of the greatest opera singers of the Twentieth Century. He is most known for his performances at the Theatre for the Performing Arts starring in “Verdi Requiem” and the dedicatory concert “An Evening of Opera at the Symphony” with the New Orleans Symphony.



Family and friends of the late opera singer Norman Treigle with Councilmember Clarkson.

Treigle dedicated himself to working with the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) Light Opera Group, which included performances with NORD youth at stadiums and centers across the City. Present in the Council Chamber for the passage of the ordinance were Treigle's daughter Phyllis, long-time friend and Opera Singer Audrey Schuh, her son opera singer Kirk Redmann, General and Artistic Director of the New Orleans Opera Robert Lyall, Opera Board President Meredith Hathorn, and Treigle friends and admirers Alfred Hardouin and Brian Morgan.



Image Musiq performs the National Anthem in Council Chamber.

Honored Acclaimed Image Musiq (August 9)

Image Musiq performed the National Anthem before the City Council. Image Musiq is the hottest new R&B group in New Orleans. Members of the group were presented Council proclamations and congratulated. Johnntrell Andrews, Christian Foster, Tony Prosper and Brandon Johnson range in age from 19 to 21 and have meshed their various musical backgrounds

into a soulful cohesive unit that has gained them recognition as today's Boys to Men. Their musical backgrounds range from dancing, acting, and singing in stage plays, church and school choirs. The group plans to use their debut album *New Beginnings* to make a statement that will resonate with audiences from all walks of life.

HEALTH CARE & CIVIC SERVICES

Recommended Generators Be Required at Residential Facilities Housing Senior and Disabled Citizens (September 20)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-344* (Councilmembers Hedge-Morrell, Gisleson Palmer, Head, Clarkson, Guidry, Bajoie, and Charbonnet), designed to relieve senior and disabled citizens suffering without electricity during, and in the aftermath, of weather emergency electrical power outages. The proposed measure recommends that state law require owners and developers of nursing homes and residential buildings, as a condition of receipt of state tax credit incentives, to equip their facilities with on-site backup generators. The resolution states that the location of permanent backup generators on the premises of nursing homes and residential buildings can reduce health issues and the possibility of loss of life due to extreme heat, cold, or other weather conditions. The Council will work with Louisiana State Senator J.P. Morrell and State Representative Jared Brossett to impact regulation and enforcement to support this measure.

“This was a critical problem during, and in the aftermath, of Hurricane Isaac. Many of our City’s senior and disabled citizens chose to remain in their homes or were housed in nursing homes and residential buildings without the capability of relocating even temporarily. This measure recommends that the responsibility be placed on owners and developers of these facilities to provide on-site working backup generators to accommodate residents.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

LAND USE & MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Repealed Zoning Action Impacting Tulane University Stadium Development (July 12)

The City Council adopted *Motion M-12-255* (Councilmember Guidry), which repealed *Motion M-12-150* that had established an Interim Zoning District (IZD) preventing construction of any building or facility within college and university campuses larger than 250,000 square feet of floor area and covering a footprint of more than 50,000 square feet. Councilmember Guidry worked closely with all parties to ensure a compromise that satisfied Tulane officials as well as residents in nearby neighborhoods before repealing the IZD.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS GROWTH

Created the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District (July 26)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,134* (Councilmember Guidry), which creates the “Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District” with the Council as governing authority. The Economic Development District has the intention of financing economic development projects in the Carrollton-Palmetto District of the City through incremental increases in existing City sales taxes. In accordance with an earlier resolution, the Council held a public hearing regarding the creation of the district, during which no objections were received. Further, the ordinance will create a special trust fund to be used for economic development projects selected by the District.

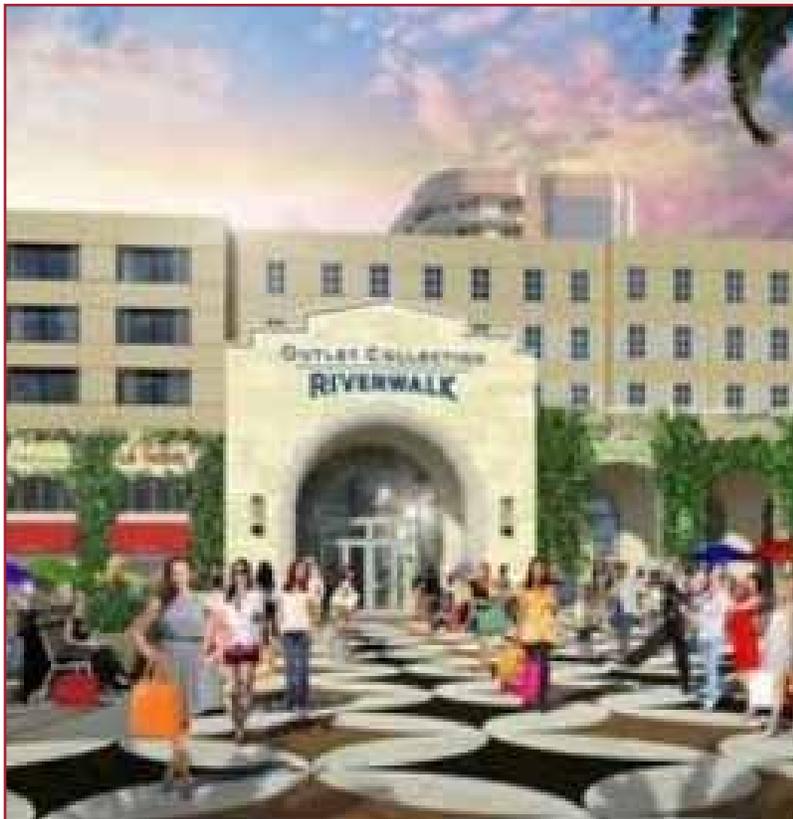
In related action, the Council also adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,133* (Councilmember Guidry), which authorizes a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the City of New Orleans, the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic District, and Costco Wholesale Corporation. The CEA relates to the collection, use and expenditure of the local sales tax increments and allows coordination of activities including construction, acquisition, improvement, operation and maintenance of public projects in the District.

Held Inaugural Meeting of the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District (August 9)

As the governing authority of the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development District (C-PEDD), the Council recessed its regular meeting to hold the inaugural District meeting. The body passed *Resolution R-2012-1* to create the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic District Trust Fund. The resolution stipulates that 1% of the City's overall 2 ½% of general sales taxes levied and collected in the District be transferred and utilized by the Carrollton-Palmetto Economic District Trust Fund. The measure also grants authority to the District's representative to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans, C-PEDD and Costco Wholesale Corporation for the collection, use and expenditure of local sales tax increments.

"The Carrollton-Palmetto Economic Development Trust Fund is an innovative public-private economic development endeavor that will be of benefit to Costco and will provide infrastructure benefits to residents in District 'A' and the City. With the Costco development on Carrollton Avenue finalized and with the replacement of a nuisance bar on Maple Street with an attractive full-service Japanese bistro, it's a good day for District 'A'!"

– District "A" Councilmember Guidry



The Outlet Collection at Riverwalk Rendering.

Approved Agreements to Redevelop the Riverwalk Marketplace (September 20)

The Council adopted *Ordinances Calendar No. 29,149 and 29,150* (Council President Head and Councilmember Gisleson Palmer) that authorized the Mayor of New Orleans through the New Orleans Building Corporation, to enter into a variety of servitude and lease agreements. These agreements clear the way for the redevelopment of the Riverwalk and impact public property owned by the City on the east bank of the Mississippi River - from Canal Street to the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The Howard Hughes Corporation announced earlier this summer that it will spend \$70 million to redevelop the Riverwalk as an upscale outlet center called the Outlet Collection at Riverwalk. The mall will be expanded by 50,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet. The development will showcase top retail outlet shops, dining and entertainment venues. This is the first Hughes Corporation outlet center to locate in a major metropolitan downtown area. Construction will begin later this year with a completion date and reopening projected for late 2013.

“From the Moon Walk in the French Quarter to the Riverwalk at Canal Street - this is one of our City’s signature corridors. This project will inject energy and vibrancy into the corridor and provide innovative retail options never previously enjoyed.”

– Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

THE 4TH QUARTER: OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER

CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY



Councilmember Charbonnet with Ft. Pike VFD Secretary Chris Vallelungo, President Lake Catherine Civic Association Carol Giardine, Ft. Pike VFD Chief Charles Schmalz, and Ft. Pike VFD President Brian Nunez.

Recognized Fort Pike Volunteer Fire Department (October 18)

Fort Pike Volunteer Fire Department presented an overview of the Department's work and was recognized for outstanding service by the Council. Established in 1952, the Ft. Pike Volunteer Fire Department serves an area located outside the levee protection system. The firemen were acknowledged for volunteer service to the communities of Lake Catherine and Venetian Isles. Taking the brunt of Hurricane Isaac, these areas were

in disarray in the days following the storm. The Fort Pike Volunteer Fire Department provided heroic service, aiding in search and rescue and relief efforts. And on a daily basis, the department provides fire protection and EMS services to the residents of the area.

"It is the Council's privilege to honor your service to the residents of Lake Catherine and Venetian Isles. Your commitment to community, personal bravery and unselfish actions during difficult days during and following Hurricane Isaac are sincerely appreciated."

– District "E" Councilmember Charbonnet

Called for Renewed Scrutiny of Gun Laws and Approach to Mental Health Care (December 20)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-487* (Council President Head and Councilmembers Cantrell, Gisleson Palmer, Guidry, and Hedge-Morrell) that urged the State and Federal Government to renew scrutiny of gun control laws and to review their approach to mental health care following the heinous acts of violence on December 14, 2012 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School where 20 children and 6 adults tragically lost their lives. The Council resolution extended prayers of comfort and solace to the families of the victims of the Sandy Hook shooting. The nation mourns this tragic event like others in recent years, bringing into focus the issues of gun control and mental health care.

Recognized New Orleans EMS for National Service of the Year Award (December 20)

The Council received a presentation from Jeff Elder, Director of the New Orleans Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Carl Flores, Deputy Director, and Kenneth Bouvier, Deputy Chief, on the operations of the City’s EMS services. Councilmembers congratulated New Orleans EMS for its recent recognition – the 2012 Dick Ferneau Paid Emergency Medical Services of the Year Award given by The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians and EMS World. The award was given in conjunction with the National EMS Management Association and the National Association of EMS Educators for the singular best EMS service. New Orleans EMS was touted for outstanding patient care, embracing the latest science in pre-hospital medicine, community education, and unique capabilities in tactical medic divisions, including swift water rescue, urban search and rescue, and bicycle medics.

NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE

Approved Community Grants (October 18)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-384* that designated City Council / Harrah’s Community Support Grant Program awards to non-profit organizations across the City. The program provides a total of \$225,000 to be awarded twice annually to eligible organizations. The purpose of the City Council / Harrah’s Community Support Grant Program is to assist and promote organizations and projects that contribute to the economic, cultural, and civic fabric of the City. Among the organizations receiving grants, Woodlands Conservancy, Parkway Partners, Algiers Economic Development Foundation, Inc., Friends of City Park, Friends of the Ferry Foundation, Southern United Neighborhoods, Anthony Bean Community Theater and Acting School, People United for Armstrong Park, Crimestoppers, Mentoring Children of Promise Program, Faubourg St. Roch Project, Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association of New Orleans, and New Orleans Afrikan Film and Arts Festival Project.

“We are pleased to award these grants to such outstanding and deserving organizations. The primary purpose of the grant program is to assist community organizations that contribute to the economic, cultural, and civic fabric of our City. The grants will provide vital supplemental funding to improve the quality of life for the citizens of New Orleans.”

– District “B” Councilmember Bajoie

Celebrated 200th Anniversary of the Tremé Neighborhood (October 18)

The Council recognized the culturally rich and historic Tremé, as the neighborhood marks the 200th anniversary of its origins as a melting pot of New Orleans. The neighborhood gave rise to jazz music, amazing architecture, Mardi Gras Indians and several leaders of the civil rights movement.



Organizing Committee Tremé 2012 - Tony Rice, Asali Devan Ecclesiastes, Cheryl Austin, Barbara Lacen Keller, and Louis Charbonnet with Tremé Musicians.

Tremé was populated primarily by free people of color, musicians, craftsman and Haitian Creoles, descendants and immigrants of the early 1800s Haitian revolution. Named for French milliner and property owner Claude Tremé, the neighborhood holds a significant place in the history of Jazz. Generations of musicians hail from this neighborhood, recent notables being Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews and Kermit Ruffins. The neighborhood is reviving after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. According to the 2010 census, over 4,000 people reside in the neighborhood. In conjunction with Louisiana’s bicentennial, Tremé celebrates its bicentennial (October 16-21) with a documentary screening, panel discussions, block party, exhibits and concerts.

“Tremé is an incredibly important part of our City as America’s oldest black neighborhood and as the place where so many of our festival, musical, and culinary traditions began. Today we are honoring the neighborhood’s 200th Anniversary and the contributions Tremé’s culture bearers and residents have created and shared with the City of New Orleans, our country, and the world.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

Acknowledged Contributions of the United States Military (November 15)

Representatives of the Mayor’s Military Advisory Committee (MMAC) appeared before the Council for the annual Military Appreciation Day activities. Major General David Mize (Ret.), Chairman of the MMAC, led the presentation, which included the Committee’s annual report, performances by the United States Marine Corps Band and updates from military leaders of local armed forces organizations. Leaders from military organizations, including the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and the Louisiana Air and Army National Guard, Active and Reserve, updated the Council on the projects, programs and ongoing activities of their respective organizations, including involvement in community events and disaster relief services.

“We are so thankful for our military - especially here in New Orleans! You bring a great economic impact with you and the finest people who love and serve our city in many valuable volunteer positions. Thank you for continuing the generations of service to the United States Military. Thank you for all you do for our city!”

– Council Vice President Clarkson

Acknowledged Achievement of Pastor Fred Luter, Jr., President of the Southern Baptist Convention (November 30)

The Council acknowledged the achievement of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church Senior Pastor and new President of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Reverend Fred Luter, Jr. Luter was elected by acclamation as the first African American President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was elected Pastor of the Franklin Avenue congregation in 1986. At that time, the church was a small Southern Baptist mission church with 65 members. By 2005, the church had grown to over 7,000 members, making it the largest Southern Baptist Church in the state of Louisiana.

In August of 2005, Luter lost his home to five feet of water, and the church suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Katrina. In spite of these setbacks, Pastor Luter continued his ministry for displaced church members, holding worship services in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Houston. In April 2008, regular services returned to the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church. Luter’s candidacy was seen as a catalyst to heal the racism that has plagued the denomination for many years. The Southern Baptist Convention is a foundation for leadership and worship for followers in the City of New Orleans and across the country.

“We are proud to have Pastor Fred Luter in the Council Chamber today. Mr. Luter is a prominent figure in our community and his church, leading his fellow companions on a road to faith, service, and happiness. It is with great pleasure that we honor him for his achievements.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

Honored the *Times-Picayune* Doll and Toy Fund for Over a Century of Service to the Community (December 6)

The Council honored the *Times-Picayune* Doll and Toy Fund for 116 years of dedicated service to the community. Since 1896, the Doll and Toy Fund has been a tradition in New Orleans in which needy children have been able receive a holiday gift. As in past years, children under twelve attend the holiday event and leave with a special toy, provided by private and corporate donations.



Councilmember Bajoie with Representatives from the Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund.

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Appointed New Director of the Council Utilities Regulatory Office (October 4)

The Council passed *Motion M-12-363* (Councilmembers Hedge-Morrell, Guidry, Head and Gisleson Palmer) that appointed W. Thomas Stratton, Jr. to the position of Director of the Council Utilities Regulatory Office. He will serve as an in-house advisor to the Council on utility matters. Mr. Stratton is a graduate of the Washburn University School of Law and the University of Kansas. For most of his legal career, Stratton has practiced utility and regulatory law. Formerly, he was the Chief Litigation Counsel for the Kansas Corporation Commission, the state’s regulatory agency.

Approved Entergy New Orleans & Entergy Louisiana's Membership in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) (November 15)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-439* (Councilmembers Hedge-Morrell, Head, Guidry, and Gisleson Palmer) that approved Entergy New Orleans and Entergy Louisiana's joint application to transfer certain transmission assets to Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO). The transfer of transmission is projected to save Orleans Parish customers up to \$46 million over a decade. The Council negotiated conditions that stipulated that the companies will continue to work to put Entergy New Orleans in its own pricing zone. This will ensure that customers will shoulder the burden of transmission costs that benefit only Orleans Parish energy consumers. The six Entergy Operating Companies are targeting integrating into MISO by December 2013.

Approved Sewerage and Water Rate Increase (December 6)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,296 and Ordinance Calendar No. 29,297* (Council Vice President Clarkson) that approved rates to be charged users of the sewerage and water systems of the City of New Orleans. Sewerage and water rates will each increase by 10% per year over an eight year period. Since 1998, the Sewerage and Water Board has been under a Federal Consent Decree requiring that the City invest in infrastructure improvements to comply with federal standards for healthy water.

The funds generated from the rate increase will assistance in funding a \$3.3 billion Capital Improvement Program to repair the 300 year old system and ensure the City's water supply meets Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health and safety standards. To lessen the burden on rate payers, the City has secured additional federal dollars to pay for the required system improvements and is applying the rate increase over an extended time frame. The Sewerage and Water Board is also expected to provide financial assistance to elderly and low income residents under the expanded water help program, to protect them from the adverse consequences of this rate increase.

"It was a privilege to author this legislation as I have served on many of the Councils that put it off. The difference this time was that Mayor Landrieu went to Washington, D.C. and secured an extension, more money and rate changes, making it much more doable. This made it time to move as we were putting the health and safety of the citizens of New Orleans at risk if we continued to wait to pass this legislation."

– Council Vice President Clarkson

ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Named Proposed New Dewey Joseph Heitmeier Stadium at Behrman Memorial Park (November 1)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,196* (Councilmember Gisleson Palmer and Council Vice President Clarkson) to name and dedicate the proposed new stadium that will be constructed at Behrman Memorial Park the “Dewey Joseph Heitmeier Stadium.” The new stadium, to be located at the corner of Wall Boulevard and Vespasian Street in Algiers, will host amateur and professional soccer and rugby games. The late Dewey Heitmeier, the stadium’s namesake, worked throughout the 60’s and 70’s with the youth athletic community of Algiers. He was a member and officer of the Vernon Clasen Youth Athletic Club, which fielded teams in the New Orleans Recreation Department programs. While traveling across the state to watch his grandsons play soccer, Mr. Heitmeier noticed the abundance of soccer fields; however, there were no actual stadiums, which spurred the idea for building a first-class facility in his neighborhood. The stadium will position Behrman Memorial Park as a regional park and an economic catalyst for Algiers and the entire City.

“Dewey Heitmeier’s life goal was to do what he could to help the children of Algiers. He had a vision for Algiers and soon that vision will become a reality. The new Dewey Joseph Heitmeier Stadium will serve children, youth and adults and will also be an economic engine for the region.”

– District “C” Councilmember Gisleson Palmer

Presentation of the 39th Bayou Classic Extravaganza (November 1)

The Council received a presentation about the 39th Bayou Classic Extravaganza from Dottie Belletto, President of the New Orleans Convention Company, Inc. (NOCCI), and members of the Bayou Classic organizing committee. The Bayou Classic is one of America’s greatest college sports rivalries between Southern University and Grambling State University. Fans and alumni of both colleges descend on New Orleans during the week of Thanksgiving for the celebration of football, family, pageantry, and traditions surrounding the historically black schools. The Bayou Classic brings nearly 200,000 visitors annually to the City and generates an estimated economic impact of \$30 million.

“The annual Bayou Classic is a festival all its own, bringing family and fans to our City to celebrate this great college football rivalry. Aside from the game itself, the City gets an economic boost with 200,000 plus visitors immersing themselves in the traditions and culture of New Orleans.”

– District “D” Councilmember Hedge-Morrell



Dr. Peter Fos, new President of the University of New Orleans.

Recognized Dr. Peter Fos, New President of the University of New Orleans (December 6)

Dr. Peter Fos, new President of the University of New Orleans (UNO), appeared before the Council accompanied by a number of University officials. By *Resolution R-12-466* (Council Vice President Clarkson), the Council congratulated Dr. Fos on recent achievements and praised his commitment to improve the quality of UNO athletics. Fos is a UNO graduate and is also the program director for health policy and systems management at LSU Health Sciences Center. The University of New Orleans is being granted membership in the Southland Conference, marking another major step for the UNO athletic program post-hurricane Katrina.

GOVERNANCE

Urged Citizens to Register to Vote (October 4)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-366* (Councilmembers Head, Bajoie, Clarkson, Guidry, Gisleson Palmer, Hedge-Morrell and Charbonnet) that urged eligible voters to register to vote in the upcoming fall elections. In anticipation of the November 6th election, the Council passed the resolution urging voter participation. The measure emphasizes the importance of voting, pointing out that less than 54% of voters in Orleans Parish participated in the last Presidential election. The resolution also reminds residents that in the State of Louisiana, those persons that meet voter eligibility requirements, yet do not have a picture I.D., may still vote if they sign an affidavit verifying their identity.

"Voting is one of the most important and powerful citizen rights. With the fall elections upon us, I encourage every eligible person to register before the October 9th deadline."

– Council President Head

Adopted the City's 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets (November 30)

The New Orleans City Council adopted the 2013 Capital and Operating Budgets for the City of New Orleans. The Capital Budget totals \$41.2 million, and the Operating Budget totals \$835.2 million. The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,259*, providing a Capital Budget for 2013; *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,260*, providing an Operating Budget of Revenues for 2013; and *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,261*, providing an Operating Budget of Expenditures for 2013. The Council received the Mayor's proposed budget October 29th and conducted a series of month-long budget hearings receiving presentations from City Departments, the Mayor's Office, the Courts, District Attorney, Sheriff, outside agencies, boards and commissions. The Council revised the original proposed budget with passage of a series of budget amendments that restored and shifted allocations for pretrial services, two New Orleans Police Department recruit classes, the Council on Aging, and the LSU AgCenter.

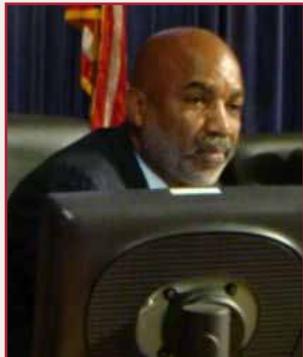
District “B” and District “E” Councilmembers Officially Seated (December 20)

Councilmembers LaToya Cantrell and James Austin Gray II were welcomed to the Council dais by their colleagues and Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who made a special appearance in the Council Chamber. Cantrell was sworn in Wednesday in the Council Chamber. Gray was sworn in by his wife, Juvenile Court Judge Ernestine Gray, on Tuesday in a private ceremony in the City Hall District “E” Council Office. Councilmember Cantrell fills the District “B” seat; Councilmember Gray fills the seat for District “E.”



LaToya Cantrell, District “B”

Councilmember Cantrell has lived in New Orleans over 20 years. She graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a minor in Political Science and also completed Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government’s executive management program. Councilmember Cantrell has more than ten years of executive management experience working in the non-profit sector.



James Austin Gray II, District “E”

Councilmember Gray has lived and worked in his adopted hometown of New Orleans for 36 years. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Morehouse College and a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard University School of Law. He served with the United States Marines Corp for three years including a tour in Vietnam, where he was an infantry platoon commander. Councilmember Gray is also a former LSU law professor and president of the Louisiana Law institute. He currently teaches trial practice at Tulane University.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Certified Uptown-University Cultural District (October 18)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,223* (Councilmember Guidry) that added the newly created Uptown-University Cultural District to the list of New Orleans’ state certified cultural districts. In August of 2012, a Council resolution authorized the creation of the Uptown-University Cultural District encompassing all parts of the Uptown neighborhood not presently included in an existing cultural district. Louisiana Act 298, passed by the legislature in 2007, authorized local governing authorities to create cultural districts to revitalize communities and promote cultural activity. New Orleans’ 20 state-certified cultural districts are designed to protect the cultural integrity of neighborhoods and restore historic building features to structures located within the districts.

“The Louisiana Cultural Districts Program is a state program that expands eligibility of historic tax credits for rehabilitation of commercial and residential structures and also exempts state and local sales tax on original, one-of-a-kind works of art. This new Uptown-University Cultural District provides another tool to preserve historic residential and commercial buildings within this area, while boosting the economy for its local artists.”

– District “A” Councilmember Guidry

Approved Revised Historic Building Design Guidelines (October 18)

The Council adopted *Resolution R-12-397* (Council President Head), which ratified and approved revisions to historic building design guidelines. The design guidelines were adopted by both the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC) and the Central Business District Landmarks Commission (CBDLC). The Council recognizes the importance of providing the citizens of New Orleans with design guidelines to aide in the preservation of the City’s historical assets. Regularly updating these design guidelines corrects and eliminates structural design inconsistencies throughout the City.

“The Council will continue to revise building design guidelines to ensure historical conformity. Consistency of these design guidelines will maintain our City’s historical and cultural assets for years to come.”

– Council President Head

Recognized the Tipitina’s Foundation Student Partnership to Promote Jazz (November 1)

The Council recognized the Tipitina’s Foundation and the students of O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School for their collaboration to celebrate and promote Jazz music. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Japanese trumpet player, and New Orleans resident, Yoshio Toyama, and his Wonderful World of Jazz Foundation kicked into high gear, donating nearly 800 instruments to New Orleans’ schoolchildren. Six years later, following the devastating earthquake off the coast of Japan in 2011, O. Perry Walker Band Director Wilbert Rawlins Jr., who had been on the receiving end of much of Mr. Toyama’s donations, returned the favor to young musicians suffering in Japan. Recently, New Orleans’ Tipitina’s Internship Band and The Chosen Ones band from O. Perry Walker High School were chosen to perform in Japan with a local band, the Swing Dolphins, at the Yokohama Jazz Festival. Few words were spoken; the beat and rhythm of the instruments spoke a universal language. Although worlds apart, New Orleanians and those effected by the earthquake in Japan found common ground in the heartbeat of New Orleans’ music, Jazz.

HEALTH CARE & CIVIC SERVICES

Presentation by Tulane University School of Medicine About Minority Access to Cancer Trials (October 4)

Dr. William “Rusty” Robinson of the Tulane Cancer Center and Dr. Roy Weiner, Professor of Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology at the Tulane University School of Medicine, appeared before the Council. Tulane University School of Medicine is among the nation’s top academic medical centers and private research universities and at the forefront of teaching, research and patient care. The medical school, one of a select group of medical schools chosen from across the country, recently received a \$2 million dollar grant from the National Cancer Institute to expand minority access to cancer trials. This Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program (MB-CCOP) grant is part of a national effort to support community-based cancer trials that bring in racial and ethnic groups typically underrepresented in clinical research.

Commemorated the Life of the Late LSU Health Sciences Center Geneticist Dr. Mary Kay Pelias (October 4)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-361* (Council Vice President Clarkson and Councilmember Bajoie), to formally recognize the extraordinary life of the late Mary Catherine Zengel Pelias. Dr. Pelias, a life-long resident of New Orleans, received a PhD in Genetics from Tulane University and a Law degree from Loyola University. She was a teacher of Human and Medical Genetics and Bioethics at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center from 1976 until her retirement in 2002. Holding degrees in biology and law, she fused those interests when she taught ethics. She drafted and advocated legislation promoting the confidentiality of genetic information and opposing discrimination based on one’s genetic profile. Dr. Pelias, working with Vice President Clarkson and District “B” Councilmember Diana Bajoie, then Louisiana legislators, collaborated on numerous health-related bills that allowed women to obtain mammograms without a doctor’s referral and required insurance to cover reconstructive surgery after mastectomies.

“Mary Kay Pelias was a force of nature. She championed important work on behalf of generations of Louisiana women. I was honored to have known and worked with her.”

– District “B” Councilmember Diana Bajoie

Urged State Legislature and Governor to Mitigate Budget Cuts Impacting Uninsured Citizens and the LSU School of Medicine (November 15)

The Council passed *Resolution R-12-425* (Council Vice President Clarkson), which urged the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate to mitigate budget cuts impacting the uninsured and the LSU School of Medicine. Louisiana healthcare providers are expected to absorb \$860 million dollars in Medicaid cuts in the upcoming fiscal year. In 2013, the LSU School of Medicine, which supplies 70% of the state’s physicians, will implement budget reductions of \$130 million system-wide. These cuts affect the LSU Medical School and

result in job losses for public hospital workers and continue a trend of reducing patient beds statewide. It is vital that legislators and the governor work together to limit the impact of these budget cuts, to sustain a strong and competitive economic climate and provide quality health care for uninsured citizens in New Orleans and the entire State of Louisiana.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & AGREEMENTS

Authorized Continued Work at Milne Boys' Home (November 1)

The Council adopted *Ordinance Calendar No. 29,240* that authorized the City to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the disposition of the



Milne Boys' Home under restoration.

Alexander Milne Municipal Boys' Home. After consultation with FEMA, the City will assume the responsibility of performing various modifications and demolitions to the Milne Boys' Home. The implementation of the CEA is in response to the City's proposal to demolish the Caretaker's Cottage, the Laundry, and the Chapel as a result of damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina. Along with the demolitions, repairs are set to be made to the Gymnasium, the Administration Building, the North Cottage, and the South Cottage.

Authorized Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Construction of the New Orleans East Hospital (December 6)

The Council adopted *Motion M-12-451* (Councilmember Bajoie), which authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the City and the State of Louisiana for the purpose of funding the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Orleans Hospital. Major progress has been made towards the building of the new hospital. In the last year, \$26 million in new funds have been acquired for the hospital. Earlier this summer, the Orleans Parish Hospital Service District (HSD) submitted an application for a loan guarantee to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Design drawings for the facility have been completed and construction documents are in development.

LAND USE & MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Approved Walmart Development in New Orleans East (November 1)

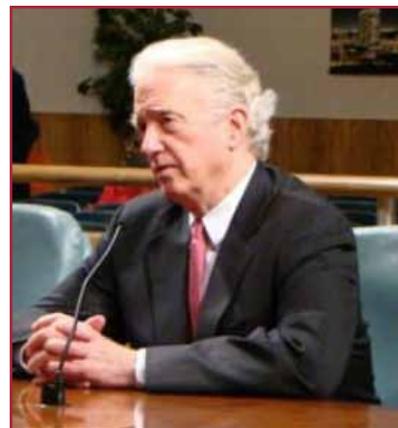
The Council approved *Zoning Docket No. 106/12* and *Design Review No. 116/12*, clearing the way for the development of a new Walmart in eastern New Orleans. The zoning and design approval allows for the revitalization of the long vacant property. Under the approved development plan, the exterior will have enhanced landscaping and a reduction in the parking footprint. Appropriate to scale signage and fencing to provide a buffer for service vehicles was also included in the approved plan.

“This is an exciting day for District “E.” The residents of New Orleans East can finally say they have a Walmart in their neighborhood. I look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with the Walmart representatives into the future.”

– District “E” Councilmember Charbonnet

Received Presentation from King Milling, Chairman of America’s WETLAND Foundation (December 6)

Chairman of America’s WETLAND Foundation, King Milling, gave a presentation to the Council regarding the importance of Coastal Restoration. Milling, a New Orleans resident, is a staunch advocate for restoration of the Gulf Coast Wetlands. He is also the Chairman of Governor Bobby Jindal’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection and Restoration. Through Milling’s leadership America’s WETLAND Foundation and its initiatives have brought about awareness to how critical our wetlands are to the nation’s energy and economic security. Long before hurricane Katrina propelled the issue into the nation’s headlines, Milling was spearheading the protection of our marshes and wetlands. Mr. Milling was recently awarded the prestigious *Times-Picayune* Loving Cup and the National Wildlife Federation - Conservationist of the Year.



King Milling, Chairman of America’s WETLAND Foundation.

Approved Master Plan Amendments (November 15)

The City Council received the City Planning Commission report and recommendations following the Planning Commission’s reconsideration of the Council’s proposed Master Plan amendments. The Council heard public comment on the proposed amendments. By *Motion M-12-438* the Council approved the last amendments to the Master Plan of the City of New Orleans, as provided for in the City’s Home Rule Charter. Final approval of the Master Plan amendments were made by ordinance at the Council’s November 30th meeting.



COUNCIL STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Airport Committee
Budget, Audit, and Board of Review Committee
Cable and Telecommunications Committee
Competitive Selection Committee
Criminal Justice Committee
Disaster and Recovery Committee
Economic Development and Special Development Projects Committee
Election Code and Reapportionment Committee
Governmental Affairs Committee
Health, Education and Social Services Committee
Housing and Human Needs Committee
Public Works Committee
Sanitation and Environmental Committee
Pensions and Retirement Committee
Transportation Committee
Utility Committee
Youth and Recreation Committee

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE STAFF

Evelyn F. Pugh, Interim Chief of Staff
Peggy Lewis, Clerk of Council
Lydia Glapion-Days, Council Research Director
Calvin Aguillard, Council Fiscal Officer

NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

©New Orleans City Council 2013

**1300 Perdido Street, Second Floor West
New Orleans, LA 70112
(504) 658-1000**

www.NOLACityCouncil.com

**Additional copies of the New Orleans City Council Annual Report:
2012 Legislative Action are available in the Clerk of Council's Office, Room 1E09, City Hall.
Visit www.NOLACityCouncil.com to view the report online.**