



NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

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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.



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A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS

This year, the City Council addressed a variety of issues in the areas of crime prevention, public safety, economic and neighborhood development, health care, youth and education initiatives, cultural preservation, infrastructure improvements, and land use.

The Council prioritized the protection and preservation of neighborhoods through the creation of local historic districts, as well as initiatives to preserve and increase affordable housing. Public safety initiatives such as requiring the reporting of lost or stolen guns were implemented, and efforts were made to dedicate resources to community safety programs.

The Council took major steps toward environmental sustainability by promoting the use of electric cars and increased recycling, keeping with its commitment to building a more resilient New Orleans.

Additionally, the Council facilitated economic equality through the development of measures, which strive to ensure equal access to employment and equal pay.

The legislative body continued its commitment to public engagement through its website, www.nolacitycouncil.com, and the utilization of dynamic and timely public outreach methods, including an enhanced social media presence. The Council's video streaming and meeting management system, which provides live streaming of Council and Committee meetings, legislative instruments, zoning dockets, reports and other agenda-related documents, continues to serve as a valuable informational resource and research tool.

In presenting this 2016 year in review, we reflect on the progress we have made as a City over the past year. Our accomplishments are made possible through the ongoing partnership and support of our citizens, local businesses, and neighborhood and community groups as we work toward the shared goal of making New Orleans a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit.

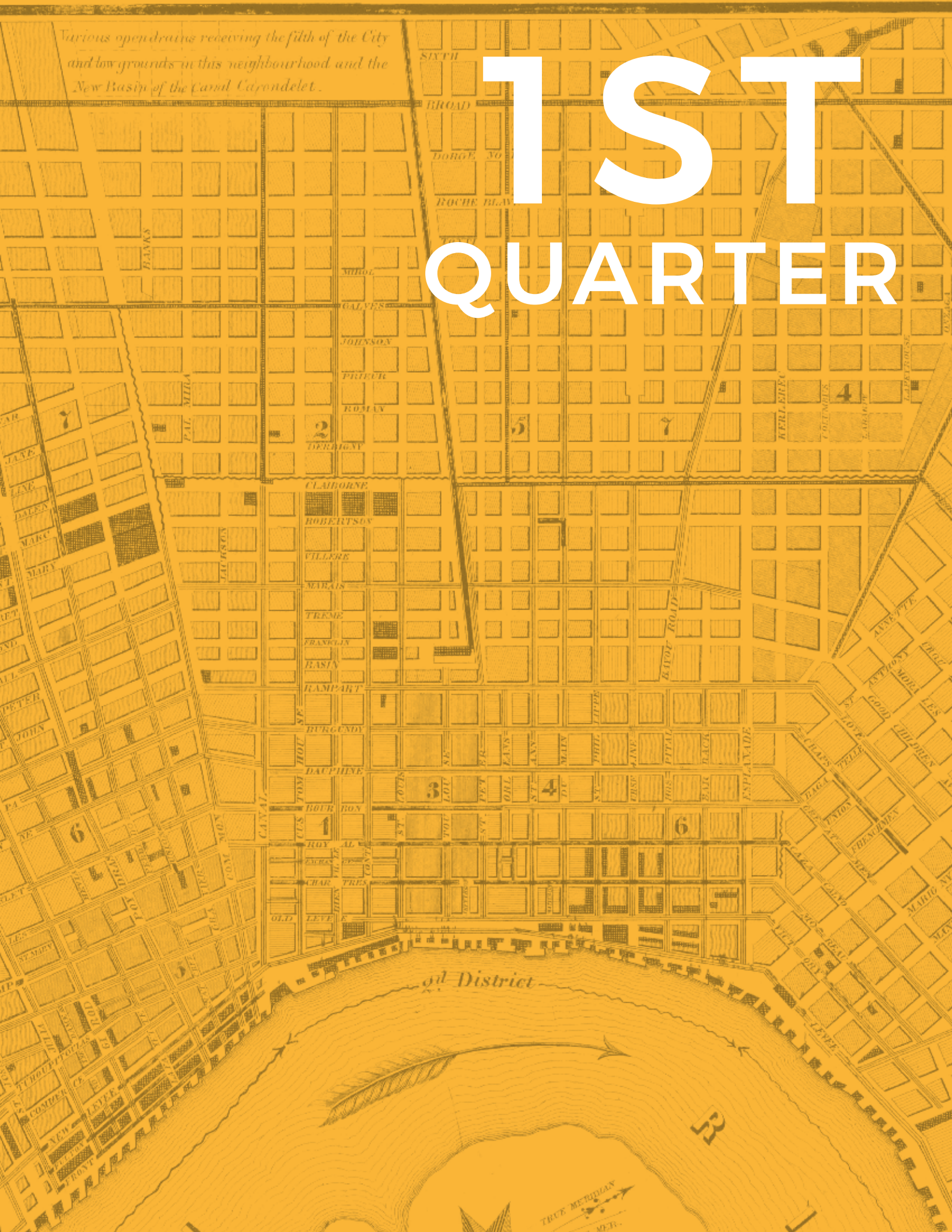
This annual report provides the citizens of New Orleans with a legislative summary and recap of the City Council's work in 2016. The report highlights issues of importance to citizens, challenges faced by the community, and progress made on critical legislative items, while fulfilling specific legal requirements of the City's legislative branch of government.

The 2016 legislative report showcases the Council's commitment to the ongoing development and betterment of the City through its work in areas of critical importance to the New Orleans citizenry, including: strengthening crime prevention and public safety initiatives, providing incentives for economic development and business growth, dedicating resources to maintenance and improvement of educational and recreational facilities for youth, committing to resourceful and transparent governmental operations, highlighting the cultural contributions and accomplishments of local and regional businesses, residents, religious, military, civic and social organizations, and community and non-profit groups.

The Council's website, www.nolacitycouncil.com, is an informational portal and resource for citizens to learn more about the legislative process and the Council's daily operations. Citizens can access meeting schedules and agendas, view live and archived streaming video of meetings, review information on Committees and community events, and keep track of legislative issues. The website also includes contact information for Councilmembers and staff so that citizens may directly express their concerns and interests to the Council.

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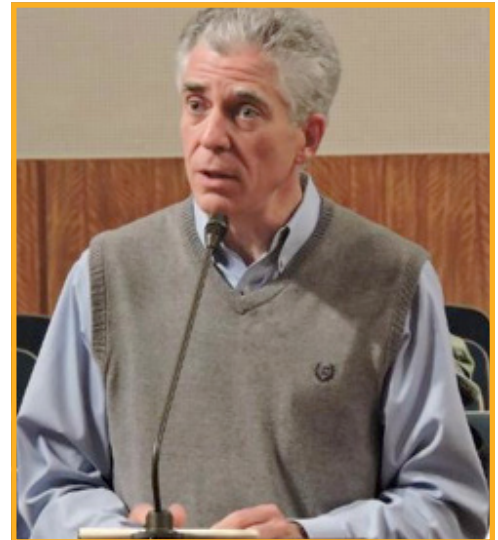
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CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY

HIRING OF EMPLOYEES UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE PROHIBITED AT ADULT LIVE PERFORMANCE VENUES (JANUARY 7)

The Council passed Ordinance Calendar No. 31,035, authored by Councilmembers Williams and Head, prohibiting the hiring of employees under the age of twenty-one at adult live performance venues. Under the Ordinance, establishments that sell alcoholic beverages, and have persons working at the establishment unclothed, or dressed in a revealing manner, shall not hire employees under the age of twenty-one. The Alcohol Beverage Control Board will determine if an establishment is in violation. Penalties for violation are as follows:



Covenant House New Orleans Executive Director Jim Kelly speaks before the Council

FIRST OFFENSE

7 DAY SUSPENSION

Suspension of Alcohol Beverage Permits for no less than seven days

SECOND OFFENSE

30 DAY SUSPENSION

Suspension of Alcohol Beverage Permits for no less than thirty days

THIRD OFFENSE

90 DAY SUSPENSION

Suspension of Alcohol Beverage Permits for no less than ninety days

FOURTH OFFENSE

1 YEAR SUSPENSION

Suspension of Alcohol Beverage Permits for one year OR revocation

Additionally, the Council adopted Motion M-16-22, authored by Councilmembers Head and Williams, directing the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and study on the use of adult live performance venues in the City of New Orleans. The study was used to ensure comprehensive regulation of adult live performance venues by the City Code and the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The study included:

- Whether the total number of adult live performance venues permitted in the Vieux Carre Entertainment District (VCE) should be limited.
- Whether there are best practices of adult live performance venue regulations.
- Input from industry representatives.
- The available and most appropriate land-use mechanisms to limit the total number of adult live performance venues.
- If the current use standards need to be amended or added to further regulate use.

Council President Williams said, "The passage of this ordinance sends a clear message to these establishments that choose to circumvent the law that the City and people of New Orleans will not tolerate their treatment of vulnerable and at-risk youth. This is just one aspect of the City and State's efforts to identify and prosecute people who victimize and exploit vulnerable young people."

CONSIDERED AND AMENDED MARIJUANA ORDINANCE (MARCH 3)

The Council adopted an amendment to **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,148**, authored by Councilmember Guidry, establishing penalties and providing for the issuance of summons in lieu of custodial arrest for simple possession of marijuana and/or synthetic cannabinoids.

Under the Ordinance as amended, it is unlawful to possess marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), or any derivatives of THC. Penalties for violation are as follows:



First Conviction

Offender will be fined no more than \$40.00



Second Conviction

Offender will be fined no more than \$60.00



Third Conviction

Offender will be fined no more than \$80.00



Fourth & Subsequent Conviction

Offender will be fined no more than \$100.00

The Ordinance also establishes penalties for the possession of synthetic cannabinoids:



First Conviction

The offender will be fined no more than \$500.00, confined in parish jail for no more than six months, or both.



Second Conviction

The offender will be fined no more than \$750.00, confined in parish jail for no more than six months, or both.



Subsequent Conviction

The offender will be fined no more than \$1,000.00, confined in parish jail for no more than six months, or both.

Offenses for both marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids are now enforced through court summons as opposed to custodial arrest. Prior violations for marijuana possession that occurred more than two years before the violation are no longer considered a predicate violation.

District "A" Councilmember Guidry said, "Today's Council action clarifies the schedule of fines for convictions of marijuana possession. I look forward to further discussion with my colleagues, the NOPD, and the public as we craft this piece of effective, common-sense reform legislation."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

IMPORTANCE OF DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS AND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HIGH SPEED INTERNET RECOGNIZED (MARCH 17)

The Council passed Resolution **No. R-16-89**, authored by Councilmembers Ramsey and Williams, recognizing the importance of access to affordable broadband high-speed internet service at home, digital literacy and skills, and the necessary infrastructure in the City of New Orleans. The resolution also called on a broad coalition of non-profit organizations, businesses, utilities, and government offices to work together to close the widening gap separating those with access to high-speed internet and the skills to use it, from citizens who lack such access and training.

“The Internet continues to revolutionize our ways of communicating, learning, and doing business. It even helps fight crime through linked security cameras and crime apps. Many of us with smartphones in our pockets and laptops at our desks, can too easily forget that over 60 percent

of the households in New Orleans have no access to the internet. This is the digital divide, and it is increasingly hard to imagine a prosperous future for anyone who doesn’t have easy access to the internet. They will fall farther and farther behind educationally and economically, and we will see inequality get worse and worse.”

- Nadine Ramsey, *Councilmember District “C”*

Council President and Utilities and Telecommunications Committee Chair Jason Williams said, “It is extremely important that New Orleans invests in creating a reliable and affordable high-speed broadband infrastructure. Access to the internet for all citizens is an important step in ensuring New Orleans’ future economic growth and competitiveness. We can expect to see increases in productivity and innovation associated with expanding access to the internet.”



INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR APRIL 9 (JANUARY 7)

The Council unanimously passed a series of resolutions calling a special election in Orleans Parish on Saturday, April 9, 2016, for voters to consider a public safety millage and the issuance of bonds to fund capital improvements. **Resolution No. R-16-1** called a special election for voters to consider additional ad valorem taxes to fund police and fire protection. **Resolution No. R-16-4** called for voters to consider the incurring of debt and the issuance of up to \$120 million in general obligation bonds to fund capital improvements throughout the City.

\$100 million was dedicated to construct, renovate, and/or improve roads, streets and bridges, base stabilization, drainage adjustments and related sidewalks, curbing, street lighting, storm water management and landscaping. \$15 million went towards the construction, renovation and/or improvement of public buildings, parks and recreation activities, and \$5 million went towards the purchase of new fire trucks and firefighting equipment.



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IMPROVEMENTS FOR NATURE CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS EAST AND AUDUBON RIVERVIEW AUTHORIZED (FEBRUARY 4)

The Council adopted **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,138**, authored by Councilmembers Guidry and Gray, authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Audubon Commission to facilitate improvements at the Nature Center in New Orleans East and the Riverview in Audubon Park. Improvements at the Nature Center, located in Joe Brown Park, will include new gates and improved lighting in addition to the restoration of the center's classrooms and nature exhibits designed to educate citizens about the Louisiana Gulf Coast ecosystem. Improvements to the Nature Center were completed in Fall 2016.



Improvements at the Riverview, commonly known as "The Fly," included resurfacing the roadway, replacing lighting, installing an emergency communications system, repaving sidewalks, replacing benches, and adding bicycle lanes.

District "E" Councilmember Gray said, "The improvements at the Nature Center in Joe Brown Park will enable the Audubon Commission to continue its mission of providing educational and cultural experiences for New Orleans residents and visitors. I look forward to the project's completion and to visiting the new exhibits."

HEALTH CARE AND CIVIC SERVICES

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES AT THE CARROLLTON/HOLLYGROVE SENIOR CENTER APPROVED (JANUARY 28)

The Council adopted **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,111**, authored by Councilmember Guidry, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the New Orleans Council on Aging to provide senior services at the Carrollton/Hollygrove Senior Center. The Senior Center, located at 3300 Hamilton Street, re-opened in October 2015 after the original center was demolished due to damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina. The new facility includes an exercise room, dining room, computer room, library, and a multi-purpose space for arts and crafts. The New Orleans Council on Aging now provides a variety of services at the center including social, recreational, educational, and nutritional services.

District "A" Councilmember Guidry said, "During my time representing District "A," I have been constantly amazed by the accomplishments of the seniors in our community. They are at the heart of our vibrant community and deserve our admiration and respect. I am thrilled that the New Orleans Council on Aging will be providing valuable services to some of our most deserving citizens."



PROCLAIMED FEBRUARY 2016 WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH MONTH (FEBRUARY 18)



Councilmembers with heart health experts and activists.

The Council passed **Resolution No. R-16-60**, authored by Councilmembers Ramsey, Head, Williams, Guidry, Cantrell, Brossett and Gray, proclaiming February 2016 Women's Heart Health Month in the City of New Orleans, in recognition of community efforts to raise awareness about women's heart disease.

The Council also received a presentation from a panel of health experts and activists regarding upcoming community events to raise awareness about women's heart disease. Tulane School of Medicine Professor of Cardiology and New Orleans East Hospital Board Member, Dr. Keith C. Ferdinand, presented information regarding the sixth annual Back to Nature Heart Walk that took place on February 13 in Joe W. Brown Memorial Park. Tulane University School of Medicine Professor and the Links, Inc. New Orleans representative, Tammuela Chrisentery-Singleton, outlined the Links New Orleans signature event, Heart Links to Heart Health, and how the organization encourages the community to take an aggressive stance against heart disease, a serious health risk for African American women. American Heart Association Community Health & Stroke Director, Coretta LaGarde, highlighted the Go Red for Women luncheon to support heart health and disease education scheduled for February 25 at the New Orleans Marriott.

Additionally, Delta Sigma Theta Chapter President Kim Hippolite and Alpha Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Basileus Robyn McCormick presented details of their sororities' joint event, the third annual "Pumps and Pearls for Prevention" walk on Sunday, February 21, to benefit the Go Red for Women Campaign.

District "C" Councilmember Ramsey said, "I would like to thank the panel of health experts and community leaders for their efforts in raising community awareness about the danger posed by heart disease, especially to African American women. It is my pleasure to declare February 2016 Women's Heart Health month, and I encourage everyone to attend one of these wonderful awareness events."

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

RECOGNIZED 2016 ZULU ROYALTY (FEBRUARY 4)

Members of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club appeared before the Council to present the 2016 Zulu royalty, Zulu King Elect Jay H. Banks and Zulu Queen Select Artelia Bennett-Banks, along with the 2016 Zulu Characters. The Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club was created in the early 1900s and has continued to entertain New Orleanians ever since. The group's first appearance as Zulus came in 1909, and by 1916 the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club was incorporated. The Club's parade on Mardi Gras day has grown into one of the most popular parades, and the Zulu Coconut has become one of the most sought-after and treasured Mardi Gras throws. Zulu President Naaman C. Stewart joined the 2016 Royalty before the Council and highlighted how the organization credits itself as "the everyman club" due to its diverse membership, including people from all walks of life and professions. Stewart also noted that Zulu contributes to a number of community initiatives, including the Toys for Tots gift drive during the holiday season.



After the Zulu presentation, New Orleans Public Library Executive Director Charles Brown detailed to the Council the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club history exhibit on display at the Main Library. The exhibit featured the elaborate costumes and artifacts worn by past Zulu royalty and was on display through February 26.

District "C" Councilmember Ramsey said, "The Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club has always been a positive force in our City, and an integral part of New Orleans Mardi Gras. I would like to thank all Zulu members for their commitment to making New Orleans the greatest City in the world."

District "D" Councilmember Brossett said, "It is an honor and privilege to recognize the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club 2016 Royalty. The Zulu organization has been a home for a number of great men, who have continued to allow all of us to celebrate what is best about the culture of our city. Zulu is truly a great New Orleans institution."

NOTABLE ORDERS OF BUSINESS

ESTABLISHED SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH SERVICES AND EMPOWERMENT (JANUARY 7)

The Council passed **Motion M-16-3**, authored by Councilmember Williams, which established the Special Committee for Youth Services and Empowerment. The Committee considers, reviews and makes recommendations to the Council on programming, funding, legislation and other necessary and appropriate actions related to improving the lives and outcomes for New Orleans youth.

The Special Committee for Youth Services and Empowerment consists of District "C" Councilmember Ramsey, Council President Williams, District "E" Councilmember Gray, and District "D" Councilmember Brossett. Councilmember Ramsey serves as the Chair of the Special Committee for Youth Services and Empowerment.

District "C" Councilmember Ramsey said, "I am proud to be selected as Chair of the Special Committee for Youth Services. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Committee, and I look forward to working with them to positively affect New Orleans opportunity youth by looking at their most pressing needs and connecting them with the proper resources. This is a much-needed committee and I am honored to be its chairperson."

DECLARED JANUARY 14 ALLEN TOUSSAINT DAY IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS (JANUARY 7)

The Council passed **Resolution R-16-12** declaring January 14, the birthday of Allen Toussaint, as Allen Toussaint day in the City of New Orleans. Toussaint's family joined the Council in celebrating the life and works of the New Orleans musician, who passed away on November 20, 2015 while on tour in Spain.

Toussaint grew up in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans, where he learned to play piano and sing. As a teenager, he performed with other famed New Orleans musicians including Fats Domino and Dave Bartholomew. Toussaint is known amongst musicians as a gifted producer and



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Councilmembers with friends and family of Allen Toussaint

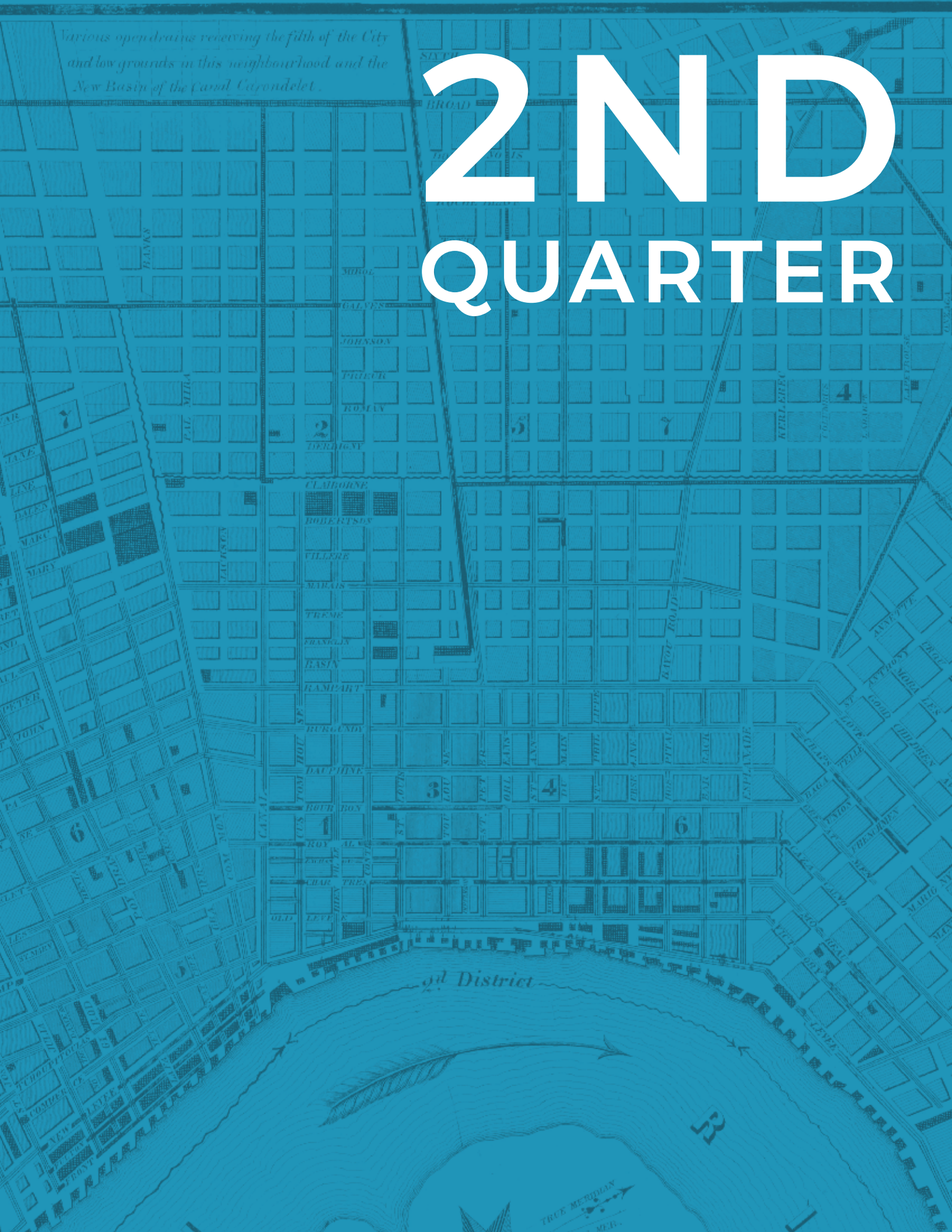
composer and has written and recorded songs for local musicians such as Irma Thomas, the Neville Brothers, George Porter, and Dr. John, in addition to national and international acts, including the O’Jays, Ringo Starr, The Who, The Hollies, Otis Redding, the Yardbirds and the Rolling Stones. Toussaint is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame and the Blues Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the National Medal of the Arts by President Barack Obama in 2013.

District “A” Councilmember Guidry said, “Our artists and musicians are our ambassadors, as their talents, hard work, and genius creates the culture for which we are internationally known. Their travels share that culture with countless individuals and communities, and their successes and creations infuse our city with a vibrancy and soul unmatched elsewhere in the world. Allen served our city as one of our finest ambassadors.”



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CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

URGED THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS HOUSE BILL 417 (APRIL 7)

The Council passed **Resolution No. R-16-115**, authored by Councilmembers Head, Williams, Guidry, and Cantrell, urging the Louisiana State Legislature to pass **House Bill 417**. The bill, authored by District 91 Representative Walt Leger, allows Orleans Parish law enforcement officers discretion as to whether to respond to traffic accidents that do not involve an injury or fatality, refusal to produce a driver's license, proof of insurance or vehicle registration, or suspicion of driving under the influence. The Bill's passage allowed New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Superintendent, Chief Michael Harrison, discretion to set policies that saved the NOPD between an estimated 3,000 and 10,000 man hours of officer time from no longer responding to minor traffic accidents or "fender benders."

Council President Williams said, "The Council urged the Louisiana Legislature to pass Representative Leger's bill to allow Orleans Parish law enforcement to use discretion when responding to fender benders. This will help to reduce call response times and allow NOPD officers to spend more time on the streets preventing dangerous crime."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS (MAY 5)

On August 6, 2015, the Council adopted **Ordinance Calendar No. 30,550**, the "Living Wage Ordinance," requiring that City contractors and recipients of grants pay employees who are involved in City contracted work a minimum of \$10.55/hour and provide a minimum of seven paid sick days.

The Council passed a resolution implementing the rules and regulations that govern the Living Wage Ordinance with respect to compliance, complaints and enforcement. Violations of the ordinance may be reported to the Office of Workforce Development by completing and submitting a formal Living Wage Ordinance Complaint form.

"Without these rules and regulations in place to govern the enforcement of the Living Wage Ordinance, it is very hard to make sure that all contracted city employees are receiving a livable wage," said District "D" Councilmember Brossett. "By implementing these rules and regulations, the Office of Workforce Development has a set of guidelines and procedures to ensure the implementation of the ordinance."

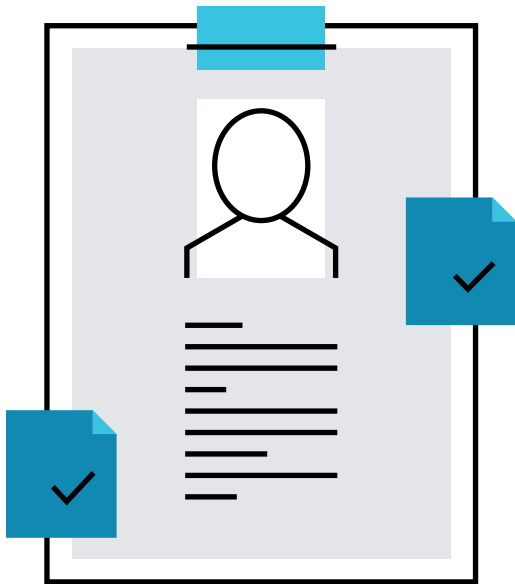
DISTRIBUTION OF CITY COUNCIL/HARRAH'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS PROGRAM APPROVED AT TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING (JUNE 9)

The Council voted to approve the distribution of funds from the City Council/Harrah's Community Support Grants Program. The program provides annual grant support to local organizations and projects that contribute substantially to the well-being, development and growth of the New Orleans community. Grant funds are available twice a year, in the late spring and fall, with each councilmember being allocated \$16,071 to distribute to more than 60 organizations.



EQUAL ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT ACT ADOPTED (JUNE 23)

The Council adopted The Equal Access to Employment Act, which made it unlawful for city contractors to seek or use the consumer credit history of a current or prospective employee for any decision regarding the hiring or compensation of an employee or the terms, conditions or privileges of employment.



"The Equal Access to Employment Act eliminates unnecessary barriers to employment that are created by job seekers' credit history," said District "D" Councilmember Jared C. Brossett. "I firmly believe that someone's credit history should not be a barrier to becoming employed. Too often, job seekers find themselves in the position where they cannot get a job because of their credit history, and thus, cannot repay their debts or improve their quality of life because they are unable to obtain a job."

The Equal Access to Employment Act eliminated the use of credit history by city contractors except in certain, very narrow circumstances. In order to ensure compliance, the Office of Workforce Development is responsible for investigating employee complaints and monitoring compliance. City contractors will also be required to post a notice regarding the applicability of the Equal Access to Employment Act in every workplace where current or prospective employees are under the City contractor's custody and control.

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

DIRECTED THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON STAFF'S SHORT-TERM RENTALS STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS (MAY 5)

The Council passed a motion directing the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing on its staff's January 19, 2016 study and recommendations on short-term rentals.

"We are not approving any regulations or recommendations on short-term rentals at this time. We are specifically directing the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing on this topic," said Council Vice President Jason Williams.

During the process of reviewing the amendment, the CPC staff was directed and granted the flexibility to make any appropriate changes to the proposed regulations and any existing corresponding regulations in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish consistency and continuity with the format of the existing zoning code.

APPROVED EMERGENCY FUNDS DISBURSEMENT FOR SINKHOLE LOCATED AT THE FOOT OF CANAL STREET (MAY 5)

The Council voted to approve the disbursement of emergency funds to fix the sinkhole located at the foot of Canal Street, near Canal Place. The engineering firm handling the repairs began the project by stabilizing the walls in the tunnel that run under Canal Street. Once the walls of the tunnel were stabilized, the firm was able to make the surface repairs to the street.

"I have worked closely with the administration to ensure that the sinkhole is fixed in a safe and timely manner," said District "C" Councilmember Nadine M. Ramsey. "It is important to ensure we are providing the best solution to this issue."



HEALTH CARE AND CIVIC SERVICES

MOSQUITO CONTROL STANDARDS UPDATED IN THE EVENT OF ZIKA VIRUS THREAT TO THE CITY (APRIL 21)

The Council passed an ordinance to update the City’s mosquito control standards in order for the City to be better prepared in the event of a public health emergency. The update to the control standards prohibited the existence of, creation, keeping or maintenance of artificially induced mosquito breeding areas, including conditions deemed to allow for the existence of, creation, keeping or maintenance of an artificially induced mosquito breeding area.

“The Zika Virus is in fact a public threat worldwide. Due to our climate, this is something that we should be aware of and prepared for as a city,” said Council President Williams. “I am happy that we are taking a comprehensive and proactive approach to this threat.”

DESIGNATED “CLEAN ZONE” FOR 2016 ESSENCE FESTIVAL (JUNE 23)

The Council adopted **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,358**, which provided for the designation of public property within areas of the City as a temporary “Clean Zone” relative to the use of this area in conjunction with the 2016 Essence Festival, which began on Thursday, June 30, and ended on Sunday, July 3.



This designation provided for the temporary prohibition of transactions of any business on public streets, sidewalks, rights of way and outside of an enclosed building, including the sale of food, beverages, and/or merchandise within the “Clean Zone” areas. Permits relative to the aforementioned prohibited activities were suspended, and inflatables, unauthorized general advertising and the placement of unauthorized tents was prohibited within the “Clean Zone” during the effective dates and times.

“New Orleans is proudly the host of multiple iconic festivals each year, and one of those, in particular, is the Essence Festival,” said Councilmember Cantrell. “We want our citizens and visitors that are in the city for Essence Festival to be able to safely enjoy the unique New Orleans culture for a memorable experience.”

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

NORA NAVRA LIBRARY SET FOR GRAND REOPENING IN MARCH 2018 (MAY 5)

The Nora Navra Public Library is one of many buildings that were affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The library is set for a grand reopening in March 2018.

Costing roughly \$3 million, the existing 2,700-square-foot library, located at 1902 St. Bernard Ave., was demolished and replaced with a new, 7,900-square-foot building. The library's design was completed in September 2016, and construction began in December 2016.

"This is a great day for the residents of the Seventh Ward," said District "D" Councilmember Jared C.

Brossett. "Having the historic Nora Navra Public Library opened will allow our residents to have access to state-of-the-art equipment and a wide selection of books."



CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES BLACK PEARL NEIGHBORHOOD'S HISTORICAL EFFORTS TO SAVE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PLAYGROUND (MAY 19)

More than 40 years ago, the Black Pearl neighbors came together to protect a community treasure that was important to the wellbeing of the community - the George Washington Carver Playground.

The Carver Booster Club, neighborhood churches and other community churches came together to protest the closure of the George Washington Carver Playground in the Spring of 1974. The unity and action of the neighborhood led to the playground being a permanent fixture in the neighborhood today.

"The playground was the only one in the Black Pearl neighborhood. No other play area existed within a two-mile radius of the area. Three football teams, three baseball



teams and two basketball teams called this park home,” said District “B” Councilmember LaToya Cantrell. “I really admire your courage to protest to keep the park open in the neighborhood. It speaks a lot about the character and pride of the citizens of this great community.”

NOTABLE ORDERS OF BUSINESS

SMOKE-FREE ORDINANCE: ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY (APRIL 21)



April 21, 2016, marked the one-year anniversary of the unanimous passage of the Smoke-Free Ordinance by the City Council. The ordinance was developed to protect the public’s health by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke for patrons and employees at bars and casinos. Under the law, the City saw a 96 percent reduction of indoor air pollution levels. In addition, indoor locations that were previously marked as having “Hazardous” air quality were upgraded to “Good.”

“In early 2015, we came together to make history ensuring that our city is healthy and that our air is cleaner for future generations,” said District “B” Councilmember Latoya Cantrell. “Together, we will continue to make New Orleans a city that we all can be proud of.”

CARROLLTON BIRD SANCTUARY ESTABLISHED (MAY 19)

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Pigeon Town peacock, often referred to as Mr. P, started being spotted throughout Pigeon Town in the Carrollton neighborhood. Many residents quickly grew attached to their new feathered neighbor.

After an incident where the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LASPCA) was called to catch Mr. P, residents wanted a way to ensure the protection of the peacock and other birds in the area.



From the community’s actions, Councilmember Susan G. Guidry proposed the “Carrollton Bird Sanctuary” ordinance, which was passed by the Council to protect the many different birds and fowl that live in this unique and vibrant community.

“This ordinance creates a 15th bird sanctuary in the Carrollton area to provide those protections to the Carrollton peacocks and parrots, thereby preserving the unique charm and character of one of our city’s many vibrant neighborhoods,” said District “A” Councilmember Susan G. Guidry.



CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

ORLEANS PARISH MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE ADOPTED (AUGUST 11)

The Council adopted the Orleans Parish Mitigation Plan Update following the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The plan updates reduced the potential impact of future hazards and aligned the plan with a more Resilient New Orleans. Additionally, the plan updates are required for further consideration of multiple FEMA funding programs. The decision to adopt the Orleans Parish Mitigation Plan follows the review and approval of the State of Louisiana and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ORDINANCE REQUIRING REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS PASSED (SEPTEMBER 8)

In an effort to better protect the citizens of New Orleans, the New Orleans City Council unanimously passed an ordinance on September 8, 2016, requiring gun owners to report when their weapons are lost or stolen. The ordinance does not restrict law-abiding citizens from purchasing guns; however, it restricts a person convicted of domestic abuse battery from purchasing a gun. Additionally, it prohibits carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon in firearm-free zones and outlaws the possession of a firearm without a serial number or identifying mark.



Under a law signed September 10 by Mayor Mitch Landrieu, New Orleans became the first city in the state to require the reporting of lost or stolen guns.

“As a community, we cannot sit back and rely on old methods to address our gun violence problem. For too long we have avoided addressing the flow of guns, and the access to guns, because addressing this problem is hard,” said Council Vice President Jason Williams. “This ordinance takes reasonable, common sense steps to keep guns away from children and out of the hands of criminals. This ordinance is about gun safety and responsible gun ownership. It does nothing to limit a law-abiding citizen’s right to own a gun.”

This ordinance aims to reduce the number of guns in New Orleans that end up in the hands of criminals. Additionally, it helps the New Orleans Police Department keep a record of the guns that are reported stolen or lost and where they originated from.

“Our gun legislation is meant to send a message. We will do everything in our power to reduce the number of our children that are killed every year in New Orleans. We simply will not tolerate it,” said District “E” Councilman James A. Gray II. “I grew up with guns, my father taught me how to shoot and

how to be responsible. I was a Marine in combat in Vietnam. M16s and AK47s are not hunting rifles. A Glock 19 with a 33-bullet magazine was not made to shoot deer. These guns were made to kill people. If you're going to own a gun, you have to be responsible and make sure that your lost or stolen gun isn't used to hurt anyone."

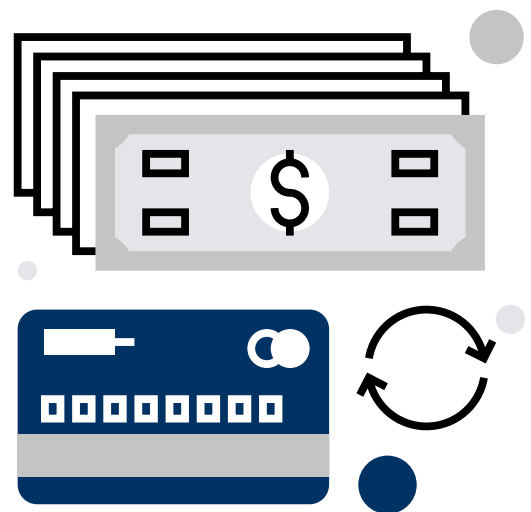


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

THREE SALES TAX COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCES ADOPTED (SEPTEMBER 8)

The Council, in a collaborative effort to continue improving the City's sales tax collection efforts, passed three ordinances today. The ordinances, which modified the City's application requirements for retail alcoholic beverage permits, reporting requirements for renewals of retail alcoholic beverage permits, records retention requirements for alcohol dealers, annual reporting requirements for wholesale alcohol dealers, and penalties for non-compliance. City officials presented the Council with an accounting of the progress the Landrieu administration has made since taking office and discussed ongoing efforts to improve tax collection and fairness. Following the presentation, Councilmembers shared their recommendations and support for improved compliance.

"These ordinances are the result of a joint-partnership between my office, the Landrieu administration, and industry stakeholders to strengthen the City's ability to collect sales taxes," said Council President Stacy Head. "I appreciate the work of all stakeholders, including the Louisiana Restaurant Association, the Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region, the French Quarter Business Association, the Beer League, and others to provide input and identify solutions that will make government more effective. The city benefits when everyone pays their fair share."



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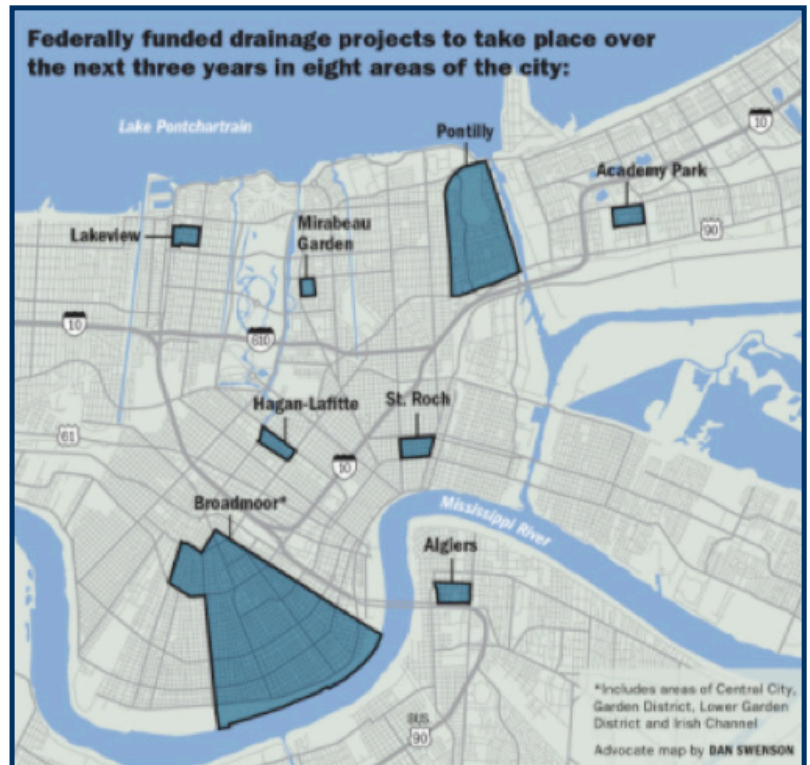
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INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA (JUNE 14)

The Council approved several ordinances authorizing the City of New Orleans to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (CEAs) with the State of Louisiana. These agreements enabled the City to have access to the federal funds allocated for drainage projects throughout the City. Upon entrance into the CEAs, the City is able to allow and facilitate the construction of the proposed drainage projects in the Academy Park, Algiers, Bayou St. John, Lakeview, Mirabeau, Pontilly Park, and Broadmoor neighborhoods.

The main purpose of these drainage projects was to make the aforementioned areas more sustainable with New Orleans' wet climate. Additions to the neighborhoods aided with flooding, subsidence and water quality. Several of the projects transition storm water areas into community green spaces.



RESOLUTION PASSED SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS AND ORLANDO (AUGUST 25)

Before Hurricane Katrina, Amtrak's Sunset Limited passenger line was the only transcontinental passenger rail service, which ran from Los Angeles to Orlando, and passed through New Orleans. A portion of the rail infrastructure along the Gulf Coast was damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which included the complete loss of the passenger rail terminal facility in Mobile, Ala. and the main line rail bridge between Bay St. Louis and Gulfport, Miss. As a result, Amtrak suspended all services on the eastern portion of the Sunset Limited line from New Orleans to Orlando.

The Council passed a resolution supporting the restoration of the passenger rail service between New Orleans and Orlando. Two companies, CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern, own the tracks on which Gulf Coast passenger rail service will operate, and both have committed to cooperating with Amtrak to provide this service across the Gulf Coast.



"The restoration of the passenger rail services across the Gulf Coast coming through New Orleans to Orlando is a great economic boost for our city and state," said District "D" Councilmember Jared Brossett. "We should see a creation of jobs through multiple development opportunities and increased tourism access. Additionally, it will reduce the overall carbon footprint by reducing the amount of personal automobiles being used on the roadways."

NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE AND COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY (SEPTEMBER 22)

The Council passed a resolution encouraging NORA to engage residents, businesses and nonprofits in neighborhoods with a high number of Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) lots to develop a disposition plan for current and future inventory that is beneficial to the community. NORA currently controls over 1,000 LLT lots throughout the City, many of which are located in the Lower Ninth Ward, Gentilly and New Orleans East. These properties were originally acquired by the State of Louisiana through the Road Home Program.



"The best public policy is created when the public has a say in what is being developed," said District "D" Councilmember Jared Brossett. "With this resolution, I hope that NORA will take the extra steps necessary to engage with the community to develop a plan for the LLT lots that best fits everyone's goals."

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The resolution also encouraged NORA to consult the Housing of a Resilient New Orleans strategy, the Plan for the 21st Century (the Master Plan), Housing NOLA, the New Orleans Urban Water Plan and any other resident-led plans that the community agrees are current and relevant. Finally, the resolution urged NORA to develop a plan that serves a wide diversity of households including very low-income, low-income, moderate-income, middle-income and upper-income households.

HEALTH CARE AND CIVIC SERVICES

NEW ORLEANS TO HOST FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE WELLNESS WALK (SEPTEMBER 8)

Local Honorary Chair Dr. Corey Hébert, New Orleans East Hospital President/CEO Dr. Takeisha Davis, Watson Memorials Teaching CEO Pastor Tom Watson, and Councilmember Head's Director of Constituent Services Ms. Barbara Lacen Keller gave a presentation on the New Orleans African American Male Wellness Walk. The first regional walk of the 12-year national initiative took place on Saturday, Sept. 17. The initiative raised awareness of preventable health diseases.



"African American men do more harm to themselves with a knife and fork than they do with any other hand-held instrument," said District "E" Councilmember James A. Gray. "We are six times more likely to die from a heart attack than from a gunshot. We need to back away from the table and get moving. The African American Male Wellness Walk is literally about taking several steps in the right direction."

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER NEW ORLEANS RECOGNIZED FOR CONSISTENT DEDICATION TO IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY (SEPTEMBER 8)

Committee for a Better New Orleans (CBNO) President Keith Twitchell, CBNO’s People’s Budget Campaign Coordinator Kelsey Foster, and CBNO Board Co-Chair Anthony Carter gave a presentation on the organization’s plans to move forward by maximizing community participation as the City reviews and amends the Master Plan, and ensuring that community participation remains a central component in the growth of the City.

District “A” Councilmember Susan Guidry presented a proclamation to CBNO for their dedication to the City of New Orleans as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. CBNO is a multi-racial, multi-generational community organization that works to create equality and opportunities throughout the City of New Orleans by developing community leaders, fostering civic engagement and advocating for open, effective, and accountable government.

“Committee for a Better New Orleans is behind a multitude of other initiatives that provide information and resources to access city programs and services to many citizens,” said Councilmember Guidry. “Additionally, they enable our government to function more transparently, while allowing members of our community to be a major part of the decision-making process.”



NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM EXPANSION PLANS APPROVED (SEPTEMBER 22)

The Council approved **Zoning Docket No. 79/16**, which allowed the National World War II Museum to begin construction on the 30,880-square-foot Hall of Democracy and make several improvements along the Magazine Street facade.

“The National World War II Museum is a local treasure in the City of New Orleans,” said District “B” Councilmember LaToya Cantrell. “The museum staff has done a tremendous job managing the



developments that have taken place over the past few years at the museum. I have the utmost faith that they will continue to make sure that these new developments will be a great, long-standing addition to the museum.”

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTATION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREMÉ FALL FESTIVAL (SEPTEMBER 22)

On September 22nd, Fr. Emmanuel Mulenga, Adolph Bynum Sr. and Darryl Durham gave a presentation on the 175-year history of St. Augustine Catholic Church in the Tremé neighborhood and promoted the Tremé Fall Festival. The church was established in 1841 and continues to serve as a place for worship today. It has served as a place for culture, arts and religion to come together as one.

The second annual Tremé Fall Fest was held Sept. 30- Oct. 2. Funds raised at this year’s festival allowed the church to continue building repairs and provide grants for neighborhood non-profits. During the inaugural festival in 2015, the church raised \$25,000. Funds raised at this year’s festival exceeded last year’s amount.

“Every dollar raised during the Tremé Fall Festival will be matched by the Archdiocese of New Orleans to help with the restoration of the historical 175-year-old St. Augustine Catholic Church,” said District “B” Councilmember LaToya Cantrell. “This church serves a community enriched with history and culture, and it continues to symbolize revitalization and preservation for the City of New Orleans.”

It is important for the community and City leaders to support the church as they work towards restoring an essential location dedicated to the history



Councilmembers Joined by Members of the St. Augustine Catholic Church



and culture of the City. The church recognized both the direct and indirect support of all the Councilmembers.

To kick off the Tremé Fall Festival weekend, a patron party was held on Friday, September 30, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the George Joyce Wein Jazz and Heritage Center with entertainment from Christian Bold Band and Naydja Cojoe.

On Saturday, October 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Tremé Fall Fest offered food, arts and crafts and musical performances on the grounds of St. Augustine Church, and on the neighboring streets of Governor Nicholls and Henriette Delille. The family friendly festival also offered health screenings, voter registration, tours of St. Augustine Church, and activities for a variety of ages and audiences.

The festival weekend ended with a gospel mass at St. Augustine Church on Sunday, October 2nd at 10 a.m.

NOTABLE ORDERS OF BUSINESS

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER IN TO AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES (AUGUST 11)

The Council passed an ordinance authorizing the City of New Orleans to enter in to a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Services to facilitate the enhancement of ecotourism, wildlife observation, fishing and other fish and wildlife related recreation activities in the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge.



Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1986, is one of the last remaining marsh areas that are adjacent to Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne. It contains a variety of wildlife habitat including freshwater and brackish marshes, lagoons, canals, natural bayous, bottomland hardwoods and borrow pits. One of its purposes is to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife-oriented public uses and recreation in an urban setting.

“I am extremely pleased that my colleagues voted unanimously to pass this ordinance. This agreement between the City of New Orleans and the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Services is crucial to the conservation and observation of the different wildlife species that live in the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge,” said District “E” Councilman James Gray. “The refuge serves as a place for locals and tourists to appreciate Louisiana’s diverse landscape near our city.”

MOTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES APPROVED (SEPTEMBER 8)

District "C" Councilmember Nadine Ramsey led the New Orleans City Council in passing legislation, which supported the use of electric vehicles in the City and promoted citywide preparation for future climate change. This effort encouraged the development and use of alternative forms of transportation technology.



The City hoped to accomplish the environmental goals detailed in the Master Plan by installing fast chargers on public property, incorporating electric vehicles into the City's fleet, creating incentives to install fast chargers in parking lots, studying other appropriate policies to encourage the use of electric vehicles and removing barriers to electric vehicle ownership.

"With growing concerns surrounding the amount of emissions produced on a daily basis, I am working with my colleagues, administration, neighborhood organizations and citizens to ensure that our city is taking the appropriate steps towards a greener future for all," said Councilmember Ramsey. "Through collaboration of these parties, we aim to create a more sustainable, eco-friendly New Orleans."

GEAUX BLUE NOLA DAY ESTABLISHED (AUGUST 11)

Councilmembers unanimously voted to recognize Sept. 7 as Geaux Blue NOLA Day to honor and recognize the New Orleans Police Department's (NOPD) service to the community. On Geaux Blue NOLA Day, the City Council encouraged everyone who lives, works and plays in New Orleans to wear blue and adorn their homes and businesses with the color blue to demonstrate their appreciation for our NOPD officers and their families. This motion followed the success of the Geaux Blue Day event on Aug. 9, 2016.



Chief of Police Michael Harrison joined by New Orleans Police Department Officers

"In light of the recent events that have happened around the country, we cannot express enough gratitude for the services that the New Orleans Police Department provides to our wonderful community," said District "A" Councilmember Susan G. Guidry. "We want the families of our officers to know that we support and appreciate the sacrifices that they make daily. With declaring Sept. 7 as Geaux Blue NOLA Day, we hope that it will be a constant reminder of the sacrifices of our men and women in blue, and that we will continue to use this opportunity to show our appreciation for them as we acknowledge their service and dedication."

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY RECOGNIZED (AUGUST 25)

In honor of Women's Equality Day on Friday August 26, Julie Schwam Harris and Louisiana State Representative Helena Moreno gave presentations recognizing women who serve in state and local government. They discussed legislative accomplishments, the representation of women and challenges that women still face today.



Dr. Mirya Holman, a professor at Tulane University, also presented excerpts and insights from her report titled "The Status of Women in New Orleans Since Katrina." This 74-page report is a comprehensive evaluation that details the changes for women in New Orleans since Katrina. According to the report, there has been an increase in college enrollment, a reduction in the amount of teenage pregnancies, and an increase in adult pregnancies, indicating that New Orleans is a city where adults feel comfortable raising their families. However, women still face barriers in the City and throughout the country such as higher poverty rates as compared to men and a larger wage gap.

"As we know, women have proven repeatedly to be strong forces for improving our community, economy and infrastructure; however, Louisiana ranks as one of the worst states when it comes to policies involving women," said District "B" Councilmember LaToya Cantrell. "I think it is imperative for us to take concrete actions to address these inequalities we just heard about. It is important that we recognize these women in government today."

Following the presentation, the Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution committed to ending discrimination against women in New Orleans. The resolution utilized the principles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women treaty (CEDAW), which was adopted by the United Nations as an international bill of rights for women in 1979.

This resolution was the first step toward conducting research and promoting the advancement of women through local legislation. Showing support for CEDAW formalized the Council's dedication to ensuring women and girls equal access to academic, economic, and business opportunities in New Orleans.



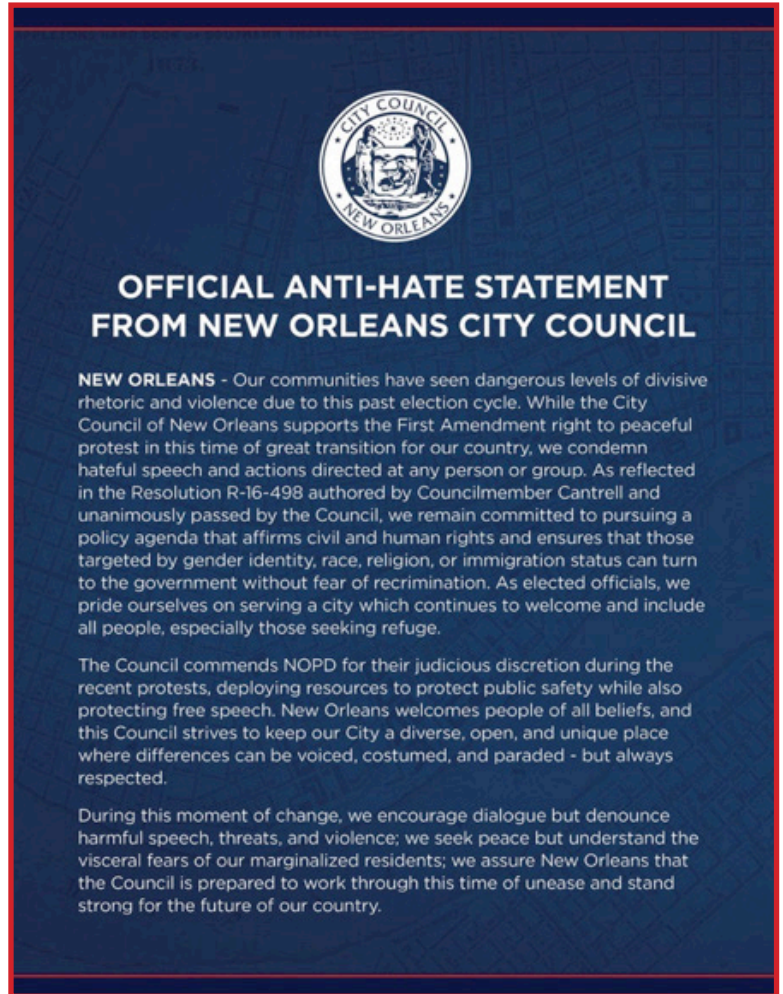
CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

A RESOLUTION TO END HATE, VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION (NOVEMBER 3)

The Council passed a resolution that promoted the elimination of hate, violence and discrimination against any constituents or citizens.

“Recently, we have seen a rise in hate crimes and demonizing rhetoric,” said District “B” Councilmember LaToya Cantrell. “This has directly negatively impacted Muslims, people who are perceived to be Muslim, immigrants and people of color. We as a city must stand up against this hate. This resolution sends a clear message that love trumps hate and that as a council, we will continuously promote civil and human rights.”

The motion condemns hateful speech and violent actions towards Muslims, immigrants and people of color. Additionally, the Council rejected political tactics that capitalize on fear and is committed to the pursuit of a policy that affirms civil and human rights. Furthermore, the Council reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society composed of multiple cultures and the freedom to exist and practice their faith without fear.



TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE APPROVED (DECEMBER 1)

The Council unanimously approved a proposed increase of \$4.2 million to the Sheriff’s Office 2017 budget. The amendment called for an appropriation of funds from Intergovernmental transfers to the Sheriff for prisoner-related operating expenses.

This legislation represented the combined efforts of Councilmember-At-Large Williams, the Mayor’s office, CAO, OPSO staff, and new compliance monitor to identify savings and additional funds to fund the Sheriff’s office through the end of 2016.

New Orleans is expected to acquire an additional \$6 million to \$8 million in costs next year to relocate enough Orleans Justice Center inmates to the Orleans Parish jail. The increased funds to the Sheriff's Office will allow deputies at the jail to be taken off guard duty to obtain their required training. The increased staffing and training for guards are among the 173 facets of a consent decree placed on the City's detention center in 2013.

"The expenditures today are part of a fiscally responsible plan to get the jails back on track," said Councilmember-At-Large Williams. "The money spent today will ensure that we're spending less money on these efforts down the road."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

MAXIMUM AGE OF TAXICABS ORDINANCE PASSED (OCTOBER 6)

The Council passed **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,473** increasing the maximum age of taxicabs from eight years to nine years. Under this ordinance, taxicab owners have an additional year before having to replace their vehicle.

"By passing this ordinance, we hope to reduce unnecessary financial burdens on the taxicab industry," said District "D" Councilmember Jared Brossett. "With advancements in technology, cars are capable of functioning on roads longer. As a council, we are making the necessary accommodations for the changing times."



AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS OF THE CODE FOR FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (NOVEMBER 3)

The Council addressed many amendments to sections of the Code of the City of New Orleans regarding for-hire vehicles by request. After a vote by the Council, the following amendments passed:

- For-hire vehicle inspections required annually.
- For-hire vehicles cannot be issued the title class of "salvage," "rebuilt," "junk," "total loss," "reconditioned," or any equivalent.
- The revision of daily trip sheet standards for taxicab drivers.
- The authorization of Director of Safety and Permits to approve advertising on taxicabs.

"I am glad that this Council is now taking the necessary steps to roll back some of the burdensome taxi regulations that have put our taxi drivers at a disadvantage," said District "C" Councilmember Nadine Ramsey. "With the advent of ride sharing, taxi drivers and companies shouldn't face unequal treatment. They have been great partners in our local economy and deserve our support."

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO HIRENOLA PROGRAM APPROVED (NOVEMBER 17)

The Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for the adoption of rules and regulations for the HIRENOLA program, conceived October 1, 2015, which successfully created the City's first local worker participation program.

The rules and regulations, which apply to "covered projects", or those not utilizing federal or state funds, will be implemented by The Office of Workforce Development (OWD). These will include matters of records, monitoring and compliance, hiring discretion, compliance with state and federal laws and local participation goals associated with the HIRENOLA program.

"Work funded by the City of New Orleans ought to go to residents of New Orleans. This council and the mayor are working hard to put in place a system that will give locals a stake in the economic boom they see going on around them," said District "E" Councilmember Gray. "As we allocate large amounts of public money for infrastructure and other multi-million dollar projects, we want to ensure that our citizens have an opportunity to participate and prosper."

2017 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED (NOVEMBER 17)

The Council adopted the 2017 operating budget of revenues and expenditures totaling nearly \$615 million. Additionally, the Council adopted the 2017 Capital budget, which allows for the unprecedented investment in public infrastructure. Finally, the Council adopted ordinances to levy ad valorem taxes upon property in Orleans Parish, and to levy fees on property located in special security and improvement taxing districts.

The Council passed amendments to the Mayor's Executive budget restored funding for the Council on Aging, the Children and Youth Planning Board and the LSU Ag Center, as well as increased funding for the Louisiana SPCA, and funding for pretrial services, among other things.

Due to an initiative proposed by Councilmember-At-Large Williams in April, additional recommendations were included in the budget package from the Bike & Pedestrian Safety Working Group. In 2017, five of the 20 most dangerous intersections across the City, as recognized by the study, will be redesigned and reconstructed.

"I think we've had some good collaboration among the council and all parties involved", said District "A" Councilmember Susan Guidry. "This has been one of our smoothest budget seasons. I appreciate the inclusion of funding for the LSU Southern Ag Center and the Children and Youth Planning Board in the upcoming 2017 City Budget in addition to increased funding for the LASPCA, Coroner's Office and Council on Aging."

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES RELATIVE TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS APPROVED (DECEMBER 1)

The Council voted to approve a legislative package to establish permit and license requirements, as well as applicable standards for short-term rentals and penalties and fees relative thereto. The ordinances set regulations on short-term rental platforms (STR's), such as Airbnb, and put the City Council out front as leaders on this issue nationally.

The package of ordinances wrap up a multi-year process of deliberations, which officially began in the summer of 2015. The package of ordinances include:

- Establishes permit, license, registry and data sharing requirements for STRs.
- Amends the zoning code, codifying land use regulations into the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
- Requires that \$1.00 nightly occupancy surcharge be collected into the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF), which is a fund designated to promote fair housing citywide.
- Amends the City code to align with state law allowing for the assessment of hotel and motel taxes on STRs.
- Establishes an agreement with the short-term rental industry leader, Airbnb, to facilitate data sharing, remit hotel sales and use tax as well as hotel occupancy privilege taxes.

The Council allowed for public comment before the vote on all amendments individually, and the package itself. The public comment expressed both concern and gratitude toward the Council for its leadership on the controversial issue.

"Going forward, the Council will continue to listen to members of the community and re-evaluate the rules and regulations regarding short-term rentals to find what works best for us," said District "E" Councilmember Gray. "Those adjustments will be made as soon as we can get a clear picture and consensus in order to benefit the citizens of New Orleans. The whole city should be treated the same, and no one specific neighborhood should get different benefits than another neighborhood. But



at the end of the day, we're looking at a compromise, which I think, is a better deal than anyone else in the country has right now. I think it's the best deal that we can get today, under the circumstance."

"Last year there was a proliferation of short-term rentals in The City of New Orleans, and the year before that," said Councilmember-At-Large Williams. "To vote no against this agreement, not in large part, but completely, allows further proliferation in this city. I would charge both sides to understand that whoever votes yes for this, is not throwing a thumbs up to short-term rentals; we are creating an effective enforcement mechanism that not another city in this world has been able to put together yet. There will be a time and place in the future to add to this package, but today is not the day to do that. Today is the day to create an enforcement mechanism that is real."

INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

SMART HOUSING MIX ORDINANCE STUDY INITIATED (OCTOBER 20)

The Smart Housing Mix Ordinance Study, which was requested by the City Council in **Motion M-16-490**, urged the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and study on the creation and implementation of a Smart Housing Mix Ordinance. The ordinance leveraged market rate development activity to build and preserve lower-priced housing by requiring or incentivizing the addition of lower-priced homes and apartments within otherwise market-rate developments. The study was designed to recommend potential changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and other applicable codes, if necessary.

The Council granted an extension until February 24, 2017, for the City Planning Commission to complete the Smart Housing Mix Study. The additional time was needed to review materials, consult stakeholders, and refine recommendations.

MOTION TO INCORPORATE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT STUDY PASSED (NOVEMBER 17)

The Council heard from Andreanecia Morris, Director of Housing NOLA, on the priority of affordable housing and the need for the recommendations in the Affordable Housing Impact Statement.

Following the presentation, the Council unanimously passed the motion to direct the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing considering amendments to incorporate provided recommendations. More specifically, to require affordable housing impact statements (AHIS) for all applications seeking density bonuses as provided in the current comprehensive zoning ordinance.



INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR TULANE'S UPTOWN CAMPUS APPROVED (DECEMBER 1)

The Council unanimously approved a request from Tulane University for consideration of its Institutional Master Plan for its Uptown Campus at 6823 Saint Charles Avenue. Tulane University's comprehensive planning document, named "Master Process Design and Planning Uptown Campus." It consists of 14 components drafted, compiled, and in some cases revised between 1991 and 2002. The document was considered a working document rather than a formal Master Plan. Still, it serves as the principle guide on major campus planning issues.

The components of the document include landscaping, parking, circulation, lighting, signage, open space, environmental issues, accessibility, security design, housing, project relationships, and project procedures. Facility audit and infrastructure are identified as potential plan components but were not yet included.

"I want to thank Tulane University for working with neighborhoods and the City on this master plan," said Councilmember Guidry. "I think it's going to be good for the University as well as for the community. For such a large campus adjacent to residential neighborhoods there were very few exceptions and requests we had to consider, which is remarkable when considering the complexity of a college campus and addressing all of the needs for growth in an urban campus setting. I appreciate this commitment very much."



HEALTH CARE AND CIVIC SERVICES

PRESENTATION FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH STD/HIV PROGRAM (NOVEMBER 17)

Dr. Deann Gruber, Director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease and the Office of Public Health STD/HIV Program, gave a presentation on the current epidemic of HIV in New Orleans. The Council recognized the 3rd annual NOLA HIV/AIDS Awareness Week, November 28 - December 3 in support of National World AIDS Day on December 1.



The spread of HIV/AIDS continues to have a significant impact on the public health of Louisiana. According to the Louisiana HIV/STD statistics, in 2015, 1,139 persons were diagnosed with HIV for a rate of 24.4 per 100,000. The STD/HIV program's mission is to lead the effort to build a holistic, integrated and innovative system of STD and HIV prevention as well as provide care and education that eliminates health inequities. The program works to achieve a statewide awareness while promoting an increased investment in sexual health.

"We have the tools to end this epidemic, but we aren't using them as effectively as we need to be," said District "A" Councilmember Guidry. "We need to encourage everyone to get out and educate people on the importance of getting tested."

In recognition of World AIDS Day, there was a week-long list of activities surrounding HIV awareness and testing all around the greater New Orleans area. Events will include: A Health Fest sponsored by District "B" Councilmember LaToya Cantrell, "Riding Red in the City" Bike Ride and Art Against AIDS Gala.

RECYCLING RESOLUTION PASSED FOLLOWING AMERICA RECYCLES DAY (NOVEMBER 17)

In honor of America Recycles Day, the City Council received a presentation from Liz Shephard with LifeCity following the success of America Recycles Day New Orleans. The presentation focused on the short-term and long-term benefits of Recycling to the city of New Orleans both environmentally and economically.

Following the presentation, the Council unanimously passed a resolution to recognize that the City of New Orleans continuously encourages recycling to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills. Additionally, the resolution recognized November 15 as annual America Recycles Day in New Orleans.



The resolution was in response to a finding that New Orleans recycled only approximately 5 percent of its waste. Increased recycling efforts will support the City's resilience plan by leveraging sustainability as a growth strategy, supporting more equitable public health outcomes for the community, creating a culture of environmental awareness and significantly reducing the volume of material disposed at landfills.

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PASSED TO COUNT ELECTRIC VEHICLE SPACES IN OVERALL REQUIREMENTS (NOVEMBER 17)

The Council passed a motion to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to include electric vehicle parking spots as counting toward the parking requirements. The motion was an amendment to legislation passed in September that supports the use of electric vehicles in the City and promotes citywide preparation for future climate change.

The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance's language did not allow an electric vehicle parking spot to count toward the allocated parking requirements for building developments. This motion removed the prohibition, allowing electric vehicle parking spots to count the same as regular spots. This motion passed with full support of the City Planning Commission, the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership, the Regional Planning Commission, the U.S. Green Building Council and the Algiers Point Association.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION'S LGBT FUND PRESENTATION (DECEMBER 1)

The Council heard a presentation from Suzanne Raether, Wes Ware and Rebecca Mwase of the Greater New Orleans Foundation's LGBT Fund. The fund was established in 2016 by community champions ready to strengthen nonprofit organizations that represent the interests of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Through the pooled financial resources of individuals, corporations, and foundations, the LGBT Fund aims to make profound improvements in the quality of life for members of these communities. The ultimate goal is for LGBT Southerners to shape their own lives and futures.



The presentation focused on the lack of philanthropic support for LGBT communities, particularly in the south. The southern region of the United States receives four cents for every philanthropic dollar invested in LGBT communities. New Orleans and Baton Rouge receive a little more at six cents to the dollar as a result of the increased instances of HIV/Aids in these areas. The Fund stresses the importance of philanthropic support to ensure that everyone is protected and represented through law. Additionally, it hopes to increase cultural competency to mainstream organizations.

"Hopefully we will be responsible people who embrace all and continue to lead by example here in New Orleans, so these communities feel safe and accepted in every way," said Councilmember-At-Large Stacy Head.

"It was really gratifying working with you all in creating this fund and to see in those early stages of implementation how far we've come in such a short period of time," said District "B" Councilmember Cantrell. "Thinking about the future, we have to continue to be positive and focused on what we need to improve the quality of life of our people. I am committed to working with you on that and remaining focused on the end goal. Let's continue to do what we know is necessary for our people regardless of what's happening at the federal level. We need to be proactive in working with everyone who's willing to work with us."

PARKVIEW LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS CREATED (DECEMBER 15)

The Council voted to approve the creation of the Parkview Local Historic District, as proposed by the Historic Preservation Study Committee.

The prospect of creating new historic districts in Uptown, Carrollton, Mid-City and Parkview to strengthen the city's authority over demolitions, drew widespread support from the public at a hearing on August 23. Public comment heard at the meeting reflected that sentiment, with five members of the community speaking to the Council on the importance of these historic districts.

The Parkview Local Historic District includes areas within Moss, St. Louis and North Rocheblave streets and City Park, Esplanade and Orleans avenues.

The Historic District Landmarks Commission has authority over demolitions in Parkview. The HDLC anticipates a target date of January 1, 2017, to begin regulating the four new historic districts, proposed earlier in the year.

"I would like to thank all of you here today for your support and hard work on this," said District "A" Councilmember Guidry. "I'm very happy to see this pass."

CITY PARK CELEBRATED 120TH ANNIVERSARY (NOVEMBER 3)

The New Orleans City Council recognized the 120th anniversary of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association. The Council congratulated the board and management for their extraordinary achievements in developing and implementing the park's Master Plan. The board's list of accomplishments since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina includes: the creation of Big Lake, the Festival Grounds, the City Park/Pepsi Tennis Complex, the Goldring/Woldenberg Great Lawn, the Enrique Alferes Sculpture Garden, Miniature Golf, and millions in investments in infrastructure, sports facilities, amusements and forest recovery.



"As someone who grew up enjoying City Park, I have noticed tremendous growth and improvement at the park," said District "A" Councilmember Susan Guidry. "The positive outcome of these improvements are not exclusive to the park. They have overflowed and positively impacted the quality of life for visitors and locals. In fact, City Park is now the largest regional park in the state and hosts over ten million visitors annually.

NOTABLE ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PRESENTATION TO INCREASE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS (OCTOBER 6)

The City Council again provided mammograms free of charge to city hall employees and others who were interested. Last year, 75 people were screened for breast cancer at the mobile medical center at City Hall. Of those 75 people, 10 of them were diagnosed with breast cancer. The goal of efforts such as mobile screening events are to increase the detection of potential cancers early and thus reduce the mortality rate.



Councilmembers Joined with Representatives from Various Breast Cancer Awareness Agencies and Support Organizations

Nearly one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2016 alone, roughly 246,000 new cases of breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the United States. However, breast cancer does not exclusively affect women. It also affects men. Nearly 2,600 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2016. At this rate, nearly one in 1,000 men will also be diagnosed with breast cancer.

“Women in the United States have a 12 percent lifetime risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer,” said District “C” Councilmember Nadine Ramsey. “Louisiana is one of the states with the highest mortality rate from breast cancer in African Americans. I hope that with this presentation we not only raise awareness, but further increase the early detection of breast cancer.”

The Council heard a presentation from various agencies and support organizations regarding their contributions to the community and involvement in Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The presenters included the following:

- Ellen L. Zakris, M.D., Medical Director of Radiation Oncology at Touro
- Takeisha Davis, M.D., CEO, New Orleans East Hospital, LCMC Health
- Denise Roubion-Johnson, M.D., Clinical Director for Louisiana Breast and Cervical Cancer, Early Detection Program, LSU
- Senator Diana Bajoie, Retired District “B” Councilmember
- Corey J. Hebert, M.D., Doctors of Charity, Co-Founder & CEO Community Health TV
- Jeff Elder, M.D., EMS Director & Acting Director of Health Department
- Joseph Kanter, M.D., MPH, Medical Director at New Orleans HHealth Department
- Edward Fields, Retired Electrical Engineer
- Lisa W. Plunkett, Susan G. Komen, New Orleans Affiliate Director
- Lisa Baker RT (R)(M) Woman’s Hospital

The presenters discussed the advancements in breast cancer detection and treatment, as well as the importance of regular check-ups. Through regular check-ups, early detection is possible, which increases the chances of defeating the cancer.

THE 4TH QUARTER

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“CLEAN ZONE” DESIGNATED FOR 2017 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR WEEKEND (OCTOBER 20)

The Council adopted **Ordinance Calendar No. 31,586** to provide for the designation of public property within areas of the City as a temporary “Clean Zone” relative to the use of this area in conjunction with the 2017 National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star Weekend and Game and related activities events, which began on Friday, Feb. 17, and ended on Sunday, Feb. 19.



This designation provided for the temporary prohibition of transactions of any business on public streets, sidewalks, rights of way and outside of an enclosed building, including the sale of food, beverages, and/or merchandise within the “Clean Zone” areas. Permits relative to the aforementioned prohibited activities shall be suspended, and inflatables, unauthorized general advertising and the placement of unauthorized tents will be prohibited within the “Clean Zone” during the effective dates and times.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY CELEBRATED (DECEMBER 15)

Chairman of the Mayor’s Military Advisory Committee (MMAC), Major General David Mize, USMC Ret., appeared before the Council to lead the 23rd annual Military Day presentation. Chartered in 1972, the MMAC was charged with providing support to local military and their families, educating the public about the economic and social benefits associated with local military organizations, and retaining and growing the military bases in the region. The MMAC is an all-volunteer organization with approximately 100 members.



MMAC representatives presented the MMAC 2016 Annual Report, which included information on the Committee’s activities and events over the past year and highlighted the MMAC’s efforts to provide housing and support to homeless veterans.

Senior officers from local and regional military organizations, specifically the U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and the Louisiana Air and Army National Guard, provided

the Council with updates on the programs, projects, ongoing activities, and community involvement of their respective organizations.

The Military Day activities also included performances by the United States Marine Corps Band.

"The military means everything to me," said District "E" Councilmember Gray. "Several generations of my family, dating back to the American Revolution, have served. Today, my son-in-law, a Navy Commander, is assigned to the Pentagon; several of my nephews and young cousins have seen service in the Middle East. My proudest moment as a United States Marine was to lead a platoon into combat in Vietnam. I offer you all my deepest gratitude and thanks for your service to our country and for what you do for our New Orleans community."





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