

**City Council Defeats Ordinances
Relative to Acquisition of the Chevron Building
As the Site for a New City Hall**

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New Orleans, LA - July 28, 2009 - In a Special Council meeting held today at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber, the City Council defeated Ordinance Calendar Nos. 27,552 and 27,563, relative to the acquisition of the Chevron Building, located at 935 Gravier Street, as the site for a new City Hall.

If passed, Ordinance Calendar No. 27,552 would have transferred funds to the Department of Property Management for the purchase of the Chevron Building, and Ordinance Calendar No. 27,563 would have provided for the acquisition of the building.

These Ordinances were considered at today's Special Council Meeting as a result of their deferral at last week's regular Council meeting.

Voting in support of the Ordinances were District "C" Councilmember James Carter, District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, and District "E" Councilmember Willard-Lewis. Voting in opposition to the Ordinances were Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow, Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura and District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head.

The vote was taken after the Council heard comments from the public and received additional comments from Deputy Chief Administrative

Officer Cynthia Sylvain-Lear on the Administration's position regarding the need for a new City Hall.

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 also 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 City Council is also 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 a 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 the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.