

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: April 5, 2018

CALENDAR NO. 32,246

NO. _____ **MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES**

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS CANTRELL AND GRAY

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-318 through 2-320, of the Code of the City of New Orleans, relative to the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, to clarify the Commission's functions, composition, terms of membership and organization; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY ORDAINS, That Sections 2-318 through 2-320 of the Code of the City of New Orleans are hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-318. - Function.

The commission shall:

- (a) Plan, supervise, and conduct a comprehensive and coordinated program of cultural and physical recreation;
- (b) Promote cooperative planning with public and private entities concerned with recreation;
- (c) Manage, maintain, and operate recreational facilities owned or operated by the city;
- (d) Appoint a director of the Commission who shall serve at its pleasure. The director shall be the executive officer of the Commission and shall be responsible for the supervision of the staff;
- (e) Conduct an annual evaluation of the director of the Commission;
- (f) Adopt a comprehensive community visioning process that will result in a five year strategic plan for the Commission. The Commission shall adopt such a plan every five years from the completion of the strategic plan; and
- (g) Other related duties as may be provided by ordinance of the council.

Sec. 2-319. - Composition and terms of membership.

The commission shall be known as the "New Orleans Recreation Development Commission" and shall be composed of 13 members as follows:

- 21 (a) The mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the city council, one individual
22 from each of the following nominating entities whereby a nominating entity may
23 nominate himself or herself or a designee:
- 24 (i) The Mayor;
 - 25 (ii) The Chief Administrative Officer;
 - 26 (iii) The New Orleans City Council President, to rotate each year with the new City
27 Council President;
 - 28 (iv) The Chairman of the Orleans Parish School Board;
 - 29 (v) The Chairman of the New Orleans Public Library Board; and
 - 30 (vi) The Chairman of the New Orleans Recreation Development Foundation
31 ("foundation").
- 32 (b) The mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the city council, two duly
33 qualified electors who are domiciled in the City, who shall possess expertise or
34 experience in at least one of the following subject areas: arts or culture; sports;
35 accounting or finance; business; law; or who shall be a consumer of activities of the
36 New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, including but not limited to, a
37 coach of a youth sports team, parent or guardian of a child who is a consumer of
38 activities of the commission, youth sports-related booster club member, or someone
39 experienced in providing cultural or recreational programming to senior citizens.
- 40 (c) The mayor shall appoint, subject to approval of the city council, five duly qualified
41 electors who are domiciled in the city who shall possess expertise or experience in at
42 least one of the following subject areas: arts or culture; sports; accounting or finance;
43 business; law; or who shall be a consumer of activities of the New Orleans Recreation
44 Development Commission, including but not limited to, a coach of a youth sports
45 team, parent or guardian of a child who is a consumer of activities of the commission,
46 youth sports-related booster club member, or someone experienced in providing
47 cultural or recreational programming to senior citizens. In its deliberations, the mayor
48 and the council shall consider factors such as diversity and geographic location of
49 appointments, relevant skills and any other expertise beneficial to the operation of the
50 recreation facilities and programs for the city. There shall be a member from each

51 council district. The appointments shall be made after consultation and collaboration
52 between the mayor and the member of the City Council in whose district the nominee
53 resides.

54 (d) The members serving pursuant to subsection (a) shall serve during the term of office
55 or appointment of the nominating entity that nominated them and their membership on
56 the commission shall be vacated if the nominating entity leaves office.

57 (e) The members serving pursuant to subsection (b) shall serve term of office concurrent
58 with the term of office of the Mayor who appointed them. Reappointment of members
59 shall be permitted.

60 (f) The members serving pursuant to subsection (c) shall serve for terms of five years,
61 staggered as follows:

62 (i) Council district A: Five-year term commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June
63 30, 2024;

64 (ii) Council district B: Five-year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June
65 30, 2025;

66 (iii) Council district C: Five-year term commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June
67 2023;

68 (iv) Council district D: Five-year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June
69 30, 2026; and

70 (v) Council district E: Five-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June
71 30, 2027.

72 Reappointment of members shall be permitted.

73 (g) Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the same appointing authority and
74 nominating source required by subsections (a), (b) and (c).

75 **Sec. 2-320. - Organization.**

76 (a) The commission shall convene its organizational meeting not later than January 31 of
77 each year. At such time, or prior thereto, the commission shall elect a chairperson and
78 other officers. The chairperson and other officers shall serve a term of one year as
79 officers, but may be removed for cause by a vote of a majority of the commission.
80 Reappointment of the chairperson and other officers shall be permitted.

- 81 (b) At its organizational meeting, the commission shall establish and cause to be
82 published in the official journal a schedule for its regular meetings for the year, which
83 shall not be less than one per month.
- 84 (c) The commission may also create such standing and special committees as may be
85 beneficial to the conduct of its business.
- 86 (d) All meetings of the commission and any of its committees shall be conducted in
87 accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:4.1 et seq.
- 88 (e) Documents of the commission shall be public records available to the public in
89 accordance with the Louisiana Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.
- 90 (f) The commission shall promulgate and adopt rules, regulations and/or bylaws in
91 accordance with the City Code.”

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:
YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT: