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FIVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS SET TO DISCUSS NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

Kenner, LA. – Five town hall meetings have been scheduled before the end of the month for Kenner residents to discuss zoning issues surrounding the creation of a new Unified Development Code for the city.

The meetings are informal in nature and are designed to foster communication between residents, elected officials and the Kenner administration on zoning matters. Residents can discuss their own personal zoning issues with staff from the Kenner Planning Department and the University of New Orleans' Planning Division, which is spearheading this project.

All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at locations throughout the city.

“This new code is very important for Kenner and its future as a city that attracts new businesses and has a common-sense zoning plan that allows those businesses to flourish,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. “It’s important that we make these meetings as accessible as possible to all residents and business owners in the city.”

Kenner’s Planning Director Jay Hebert said the city’s current comprehensive zoning ordinance was last adopted in 1978 and has been revised more than 130 times in the past 37 years. The ordinance is outdated and the new code is designed to reduce unnecessary zoning procedures and address land uses that may not have existed when the first code was approved in the 1970s.

“Quite simply, the goal is an up-to-date document that is clear and understandable and free of conflicts that could impede development in the city,” Hebert said.

The meetings will be held:

- Tuesday, July 14 – Heritage Hall, 303 Williams Blvd.
- Wednesday, July 15 – Driftwood Park Country Club, 94 Gelpi Ave.
- Monday, July 20 – The Pavilion at Kenner City Park, 3800 Loyola Drive
- Tuesday, July 21 – Council Chambers, 1801 Williams Blvd.
- Tuesday, July 28 – Council Chambers – 1801 Williams Blvd.

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