

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714
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September 23, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 23, 2025, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Robert Young

ABSENT
Cedric Murphy
Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Mayor Waites.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

***** Public comments will be allowed on all agenda items. Such comments shall not exceed 3 minutes and shall be confined to the agenda item and any proposed disposition thereof.*****

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2025.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Collins to add a special recognition to the agenda.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Council members presented the mayor with a leadership award and jacket in recognition of his being elected first Vice-President of LMA.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Introduce Jeremy Jackson – Fire and Police Civil Service Board (Murphy)
The mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled, as Council Member Murphy was not present at the meeting.

2. Introduce Denise Williams – Fire and Police Civil Service Board (Murphy)
The mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled, as Council Member Murphy was not present at the meeting.

3. Anytime Events, LLC

Location – 2950 Ray Weiland Drive, Baker, Louisiana 70714
Anytime Events, LLC was recognized as a new business in the City of Baker.

4. GTA Transportation

Location – 3724 Charry Drive, Baker, Louisiana 70714
GTA Transportation was recognized as a new business in the City of Baker.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Accept Phase 2 final plat for Sunshine Gardens subdivision

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Collins to accept Phase 2 final plat for Sunshine Gardens subdivision.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule a work session to discuss setbacks for new development (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn initiated discussion regarding the park on N. Magnolia and thanked the mayor for the progress that has been made on the project. The hope is to have the baseball field completed in January.

Council Member Dunn thanked Administrative Officer Angela Machen as well as the Public Works Department for all their assistance and support.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to table the introduction of Jeremy Jackson and Denise Williams – Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to table scheduling a work session to discuss setbacks for new development.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Collins thanked CATS for their participation and providing a bus which was used as a cooling station at the Buffalo Festival.

Council Member Young gave a special recognition to the administration, Public Works, and police department for all they did to make the Buffalo Festival a success.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The mayor thanked his staff for their hard work on the Buffalo Festival. He also thanked everyone who came out and supported the event.

The mayor announced there will be carnival rides in the city this coming weekend.

Administrative Officer Angela Machen announced approximately 50% of the LED lights have been installed. The plan is to eventually have LED lights throughout the city.

Lynette Mack thanked Gerald Collins and recreation for all they are doing in the city and invited everyone to participate in the programs being held at the gym on Alabama Street.

CONDEMNATIONS

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement
 - e. Main Street District Committee

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to adjourn.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

CITY OF BAKER

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, Angela Canady Wall, certify that I am Clerk of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana held on September 23, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HILLCREST MEMORIAL GARDENS
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
September 23, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on September 23, 2025, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS
Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT
Cedric Murphy
Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2025.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Waites, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report
2. Other Reports
3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

There was no other business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Waites, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

I, Angela Canady Wall, certify that I am Clerk of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on September 23, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BAKER CONSOLIDATED UTILITIES SYSTEM
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
September 23, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for the Baker Consolidated Utilities System, met in regular session on September 23, 2025, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT

Cedric Murphy
Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2025.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Finance Director Mary Sue Stages submitted multiple financial reports.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to accept the financial reports.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

2. Other Reports

3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

There was no other business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Young to adjourn.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy, Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

I, Angela Canady Wall, certify that I am Clerk of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on September 23, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council