

**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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December 9, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 9, 2025, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**  
Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Desiree Collins  
Rochelle Dunn  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Robert Young

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

**\*\*\* 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 Murphy, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2025, with the following additions.

Council Member Vincent stated that the following information was sent to the Clerk of the Council prior to tonight’s meeting and asked that it be placed in the minutes.

Under RECOGNITIONS, from the meeting held November 18, 2025:  
After several calls from Lillie Carr-Chambers, a former student of Councilman Vincent, she informed him of her passion in helping people. A ministry for her. Recognizing how weatherizing and installations and other programs could assist the citizens of Baker, Vincent told her to prepare packets for the mayor and colleagues and he would place her on the agenda. Vincent texted Mayor Waites to inform him of her passion and his plans.

Council Member Vincent would also like it noted that Fire Chief Pease indicated that the State Police in addition to the Baton Rouge Fire Department had jurisdiction over all hazmat incidents.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**  
1. Just Cake, LLC  
Location – 2633 N. Magnolia Drive, Baker, Louisiana  
Just Cake, LLC, was recognized as a new business in the City of Baker.

2. Sha-Wee’s Seafood  
Location – 814 Main Street, Baker, Louisiana  
Sha-Wee’s Seafood was recognized as a new business in the City of Baker.

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

1. **Annexation Request:** Ronaldson Road  
**Owner:** Agway Systems, Inc.  
**Lots:** A-2 and A-3

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to accept the annexation request submitted by Agway Systems, Inc.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resubdivision Request:** Manhattan Drive, Baker, Louisiana  
**Owner:** Metro Properties of Louisiana, LLC  
**Name of Applicant:** George Moore, Jr.  
12820 Plank Road  
Baker, Louisiana 70714

**Lots:** B-4-2-A, B-3-C, and B-3-B **Subdivision:** Baker Commercial Park

**Create Lots:** B-4-2-A-1 and Lots 2 – 7

**Property Zoned:** C-2 Commercial

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Collins to approve the resubdivision request for Metro Properties of Louisiana, LLC.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring December 2025 National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)  
The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to accept the proclamation.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring December 2025 Safe Toy and Gift Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to accept the proclamation.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Proclamation declaring Sunday, January 18, 2026, Justice Sunday in the City of Baker – Mission Possible II: Building Community, Uniting a Nation, the nonviolent way (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the proclamation.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Vincent announced that he has organized and is co-sponsoring a program in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Justice Sunday. *Heroes of African American History Series* – “The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” The program will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Baker Branch Library. Council Member Vincent will distribute back to school supplies to the first eight students in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss changing the time of the December 16, 2025, council meeting (Mayor)  
The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Vincent to change the time of the December 16, 2025, council meeting to 3:30 p.m.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Introduce tire business ordinance (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to table this agenda item.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

1. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She said there was a great turnout for the Toy Giveaway and that approximately 115 bikes were distributed at the event. She thanked the Cajun Navy for their generous donation. Council Member Dunn asked the mayor and council if they would be interested in working with the Council on Aging to provide gift cards for Christmas to area senior citizens.

Council Member Vincent stated he attended a legislative work session/hearing concerning the Highway Priority Program for the State of Louisiana. He said he had the chance to testify and ask questions on behalf of the city’s district about the work being done on Lavey Lane and about turning lanes on Highway 19. He distributed information packets procured while there to the mayor and council members for their review. He commended the Public Works Department for their work on N. Morvant. He commended and thanked those Public Works Department employees who came to his house and unstopped the sewer line that was backed up as well. Council Member Vincent asked about the status of the gas line work being done in District 1. The mayor reported that the work has slowed due to the holidays, but it does continue. Council Member reported that he is still getting calls about the streetlights that are out on Lavey Lane and Plank Road. The mayor stated this issue is being addressed. Council Member Vincent said some of his constituents have reported problems with their driveways coming off of Lavey Lane and asked that he mention it at the meeting. He reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King, Jr., program in January and asked that they take an informational flyer.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The mayor thanked all the volunteers who have worked diligently to make all the city’s holiday events a success.

The mayor said that approximately 1,000 food boxes, with meat, were distributed at the giveaway held on November 22, 2025.

The mayor said the Toy Giveaway was a huge success and thanked the Baker Fire Department, the Cajun Navy and Bishop Ricky Sinclair for their generosity.

The mayor announced the Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 13, 2025, and asked everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities.

The mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Young said he may be unable to attend the parade due to the death of a dear friend. He said he is waiting to hear from the family regarding the arrangements.

The mayor led the assembly in singing “Happy Birthday” to Fire Chief Keith Pease.

**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 Murphy seconded by Council Members Dunn/Vincent to adjourn.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**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 December 9, 2025.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NORMAN E. “PETE” HEINE MEMORIAL GARDENS  
CITY OF BAKER  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
December 9, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Norman E. “Pete” Heine Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on December 9, 2025, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**  
Desiree Collins  
Rochelle Dunn  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Darnell Waites  
Robert Young

**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 Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2025.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**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 Commissioners Dunn/Murphy to adjourn.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**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 December 9, 2025.

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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  
December 9, 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 December 9, 2025, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**  
Desiree Collins  
Rochelle Dunn  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Darnell Waites  
Robert Young

**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 Commissioners Dunn/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2025.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**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, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.



**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 December 9, 2025.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council