MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714
www.youtube.com/@bakerforward
November 10, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on November 10, 2026, 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 Young.

*****Public comment shall be observed before a vote is taken on any agenda item. 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 Dunn, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2026.

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. Theo Richards – CATS CEO (Mayor)

Theo Richards, CATS CEO, provided an update on the services provided to Baker residents by the organization, as well as an overview of their plan for the future.

2. Members of the Elvin Howard, Sr. Pancreatic Cancer Advocacy Foundation (Vincent)

No action was taken on this agenda item, as no representative from the Elvin Howard, Sr. Pancreatic Cancer Advocacy Foundation was present.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS
1. Proclamation declaring November 2026 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent thanked his colleagues for their generosity and thoughtfulness during his recovery.

Council Member Vincent read the certificate of recognition he had prepared for the

Howard family and said the mayor has agreed to deliver his donation, the certificate of recognition, and the proclamation to them at their upcoming annual gala.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 3 announcements (Collins)

Council Member Collins reminded everyone that there will be a runoff election in the City of Baker on Saturday, December 12, 2026, and asked that they exercise their right to vote.

2. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn said the annual toy giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. She also announced that the Baker Holiday Glow will be held on Friday, December 18, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the park. Council Member Dunn said they are looking for sponsors to come out and decorate Christmas trees to be put out on the lawn. Area businesses are encouraged to donate ornaments to be placed on the trees as well. The tree lighting will also take place at this time. Council Member Dunn announced the Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

3. Keep Baker (Louisiana) Beautiful event later this year, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated the Keep Baker Beautiful event will take place later this year. He asked that everyone please vote. Council Member Vincent thanked the Public Works Department for the work they did on Friday, November 6, 2026, to unblock the sewer line on Alba Drive.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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 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 November 10, 2026.

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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
November 10, 2026

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 November 10, 2026, 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 Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Waites to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2026.

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/Vincent to adjourn.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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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 Norman E. “Pete” Heine Memorial Gardens held on November 10, 2026.

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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
November 10, 2026

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 November 10, 2026, 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 Commissioner Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2026.
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.

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.

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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 November 10, 2026.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council