

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714  
ZOOM**

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**April 26, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 26, 2022, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**

Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Glenda Bryant

Rochelle Dunn

Brenda G. Jackson

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Fabre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Bryant to add item “5. Schedule a work session to discuss redistricting (Jackson)” under New Business to the agenda.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add item “6. Pastor Victor Boyd to present the summer programs being hosted by Baker Church of the Nazarene (Young)” under New Business to the agenda.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

## RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Craig McCulloch for 37 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Craig McCulloch for 37 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Baker.

2. Recognize Katina M. Brooks, CEO Kings & Priests Institute, for obtaining doctoral degree and license in Christian psychology from Hope Bible Institute (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Katina M. Brooks, CEO Kings & Priests Institute, for obtaining doctoral degree and license in Christian psychology from Hope Bible Institute.

3. Recognize Elvis Collins for his outstanding service, commitment of time and willingness to help empower and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Baker, Louisiana (Jackson)

4. Recognize Sherri Collins for her outstanding service, commitment of time and willingness to help empower and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Baker, Louisiana (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Elvis and Sherri Collins for their outstanding service, commitment of time and willingness to help empower and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Baker, Louisiana.

5. Ms. Miranda Georgetown-Riley to comment on the first Rose Run for Autism Acceptance on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at City Park (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent recognized Ms. Miranda Georgetown-Riley for her initiative and establishing the Rose Run, an event to raise autism awareness. Ms. Georgetown-Riley provided an overview of the Magnolia Rose Foundation for Autism Acceptance and the Rose Run. The 3K run/walk is scheduled for April 30, 2022, at City Hall Park and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The event is free, and everyone is invited to participate. To register visit [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for the Magnolia Rose Foundation.

## PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on quality and fair housing in the City of Baker for all tenants, landlords and homeowners (Bryant)

Mission Statement

- A. To provide a healthy lifestyle through community gardens and exercise availability.
- B. To provide a safe environment through communication with each other & law enforcement – Police and Fire Departments.
- C. To provide all neighborhoods with a sense of pride & integrity.

Council Member Bryant read the mission statement. She said the mission statement is read at every council meeting to reinforce the fact that as we move forward in our neighborhoods and in our community that we elevate as much as we can. Council Member Bryant spoke of a time when strong, older women in our communities controlled the neighborhoods and looked out for families. She reiterated – if you see something, say something.

2. Update on Baker school system (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant asked for an update on the Baker school system. The Mayor said he spoke with City of Baker School District Superintendent Dr. Perry and advised Council Member Bryant to contact her to discuss the school system and any questions she may have. The Mayor stated renovations will begin soon at Baker High School. Council Member Bryant said this item was placed on the agenda because she has been asked by numerous residents for an update on the school system and that people in the community are interested in progress and want to know what is going on. She went on to list several of the questions she has received from residents regarding the Baker school system and included her personal questions regarding the subject as well.

3. Discuss ways of doing business in the City of Baker (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant stated the city has ordinances that residents should abide by, not just the citizens of Baker, but the governing bodies as well. Thus, when ordinances are being reviewed and decisions made on bringing businesses to the city or businesses being allowed to continue operating, it is imperative that the criteria provided in the ordinances is followed. She said a law is a law. Council Member Bryant also said it is about how the community feels about what type of businesses come to the City of Baker. She said such considerations help to create an environment that is attractive to young people looking to establish themselves after completing their education.

4. Introduce Ordinance 2022-6, City of Baker food trucks and rolling vendors business permits and licensing requirements and to provide for other matters regarding to the same (Dunn) (Young)

Council Member Dunn asked that this agenda item be tabled.

5. *Schedule a work session to discuss redistricting (Jackson)*

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Vincent to schedule a work session to discuss redistricting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

6. *Pastor Victor Boyd to present the summer programs being hosted by Baker Church of the Nazarene (Young)*

Pastor Victor Boyd and leaders from the Baker Church of the Nazarene gave a presentation on the organization's programs that will be offered to the youth in our community in the coming months.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Vincent expressed his extreme displeasure with the way the city looks, saying it is very disheartening. He said we can and must do better. He asked that people remain vigilant and continue to pick up trash whenever and wherever they are able.

Council Member Bryant asked everyone to keep Dr. Manalac's family, friends and patients in their prayers following his passing. She provided an update on the drainage ditch that runs from Johnston Street to White's Bayou, saying survey work is being done at this time. Council Member Bryant congratulated Rosebud Healthcare and Training, LLC and Premier Lab Testing, LLC on their ribbon cutting ceremonies and advocated for the city to support their efforts.

Council Member Young said the grass has been cut at the urgent care facility on Main Street, however debris was left everywhere. He plans to make sure the debris is removed. He said the Buffalo Festival was a huge success and commended the Buffalo Festival committee, volunteers and city employees for their work on this year's event.

Council Member Jackson stated citizens recently expressed concerns regarding the homeless situation on Plank Road, which was previously reported to the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The Mayor said he is aware of the situation, as is Council Member Vincent. He said it is an ongoing situation. Council Member Jackson also reported citizens' concerns regarding an individual seen beside Citi Trends selling food. Council Member Jackson asked if the city was hiring a second Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor confirmed that the city is bringing in another Code Enforcement Officer. Council Member Jackson expressed her concerns regarding such action and stated she would like more information and details. She said an email containing questions and concerns regarding this issue is forthcoming. Council Member Jackson thanked everyone for their kind words and words of encouragement. She thanked Dr. Katina M. Brooks and Elvis and Sherri Collins for all they have done.

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring May 2022 Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Baker

(Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring May 2022 Skin Cancer Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

1. 1556 Alabama (Mayor)
2. 1832 Florida (Mayor)
3. 1916 Florida (Mayor)
4. 3226 Polk (Mayor)
5. 2235 Chamberlain (Mayor)
6. 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
7. White house next door to 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
8. 5803 Biscayne (Bryant)
9. 4451 Baker Boulevard (Bryant)
10. 4509 Baker Boulevard (Bryant)
11. 2116 E. Azalea (Dunn)
12. 5804 Biscayne (Mayor)

**ANNEXATIONS**

**REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Planning and Zoning
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board

6. Other Special Committees
  - a. Buffalo Festival – The Mayor thanked everyone involved with the Buffalo Festival for all their hard work. He said every Baker school participated in this year’s event.
  - b. Prayer Breakfast – The event is scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022, at 6:30 a.m. Senator Regina Barrow is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$6.00.
  - c. Strategic Planning Committee
  - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law
  - e. Main Street District Committee – Council Member Bryant initiated discussion regarding the composition of the Main Street District Committee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Mayor announced the Career and Education Fair is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Mayor announced renovations on the Council Chambers will begin tomorrow. The work is being funded by LGAP grant funds.

The Mayor distributed Strategic Plan packets to City Council members.

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 April 26, 2022.

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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  
April 26, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on April 26, 2022, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Glenda Bryant  
Rochelle Dunn  
Brenda G. Jackson  
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 Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 April 26, 2022.

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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  
April 26, 2022**

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 April 26, 2022, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Glenda Bryant  
Rochelle Dunn  
Brenda G. Jackson  
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 Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Utility Fund report.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Bryant said the reports should be signed by the person who entered the information, as well as the person who approved the 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 to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 April 26, 2022.

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