

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

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86032330393?pwd=R1d4OHVTL1JPajFZOVVmRlpmckhrZz09>

Passcode: 217106

Telephone Conference Call

Dial In: 646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 860 3233 0393

Passcode: 217106

November 22, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on November 22, 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 Council Member Vincent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Mr. Damon Reno, President, Insulation Sales and Service, LLC (Vincent)
Council Member Vincent introduced Mr. Damon Reno, President, Insulation Sales and Service, LLC.

Mr. Reno stated the reason he wanted to be annexed into the City of Baker was the Baker Fire Department. He said their response following a fire at Highway 19 and Rafe Mayer Road in January was truly impressive. Mr. Reno said they went above and beyond the call of duty, despite the fact that the fire was not in their district, and he would like to have them represent the company going forward. He also said he would prefer his tax dollars go to the City of Baker.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add recognition of LaTonya Rounds of Holistic Ministries to the agenda.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. *Recognize LaTonya Rounds of Holistic Ministries (Bryant)*

Council Member Bryant recognized LaTonya Rounds of Holistic Ministries who was born and raised in the City of Baker and has operated a successful business here for over twelve years.

Ms. Rounds provided an overview of her business and spoke about her passion for health and wellness, especially the health and wellness of people of color. She stated her mission is to help people live longer, healthier lives.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Approve Business License Request – 2022-18
Ka’Wanna Williams
Helen’s Hope Residential Care Home, Inc.
Location – 1311 Texas Avenue, Baker, Louisiana 70714

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Helen’s Hope Residential Care Home, Inc.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Approve Business License Request – 2022-19
Assoumatine Assiakissa
House of Joy and Care
Location – 4425 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana 70714

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

Council Member Jackson stated that as representatives of the proposed business were not in attendance, and thus unable to answer questions and provide explanations, she felt the item should be tabled until the applicants were available to participate in the meeting.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Republic Services to discuss what can be recycled during the holiday season (Mayor) (Dunn)

Steve Smith, Republic Services, gave an informative presentation regarding recycling and trash disposal.

2. 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 stated, for the sake of time, the mission statement would not be read.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Vincent wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked that they be safe.

Council Member Dunn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked that they be safe as well.

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She reminded everyone early voting begins on November 26, 2022 and ends on December 3, 2022. She said, "Let's show up."

Council Member Jackson thanked every Baker resident who participated in the Turkey Give-Away, saying it was very impressive. She recognized the following community partners who were integral in making the event the success it was – Baker Lions Club, Baker Texaco, Dr. Charles and Dolores Vincent, Events & More, Miracle Place Church, RJ & LJ Enterprises, LLC, Representative Barbara Carpenter, District 63, and Senator Regina Barrow, District 15.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring November 2022 Alzheimer's 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 Members Bryant/Dunn 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

1. Adopt Ordinance 2022-20, an ordinance to prohibit food trucks or rolling vendors and to provide for limited exceptions regarding to the same (Vincent) (Introduced 11/8/2022)

The Mayor stated he is opposed to Ordinance 2022-20.

Council Member Jackson stated everyone who wishes to be heard regarding this issue should be allowed to speak.

Public meeting was held.

Extensive discussion regarding the proposed ordinance and food trucks followed. Both sides of the issue were represented, with those supporting the ordinance as well as those opposed to the ordinance expressing their concerns, opinions, and viewpoints.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to extend the meeting to 8:15 p.m.

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 Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2022-20.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn to extend the meeting to 8:30 p.m.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor called for the vote on Ordinance 2022-20.

YEAS: Bryant, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: Dunn, Young

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-2.

Ordinance 2022-20 was adopted.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 1916 Florida (Mayor)
2. 2235 Chamberlain (Mayor)
3. 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
4. White house next door to 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
5. 2845 Groom Road (Mayor)
6. 1637 Robinson Street (Mayor)
7. 12979 Wedgewood (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
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement
 - e. Main Street District Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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 November 22, 2022.

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
November 22, 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 November 22, 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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 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 November 22, 2022.

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 22, 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 November 22, 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 Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 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 of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on November 22, 2022.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council