

**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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**April 9, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 9, 2024, 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 Dunn.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2024.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

1. Approve Business License Request – 2024-4  
Lucas Protective Services

Location – 2117 W. Azalea, Baker, Louisiana

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Lucas Protective Services.

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 – 2024-5

Robert E. Snowden and Company  
Location – 2942 Ray Weiland Drive, Baker, Louisiana  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Robert E. Snowden and Company.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to move agenda item number five under Planning and Zoning Matters up on the agenda so that it follows agenda item number two.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Dunn seconded Council Member Vincent's motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Robert E. Snowden and Company.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

*Approve Business License Request – 2024-8*  
*Anna Marie's Boutique and Unique Gifts*  
*Location – 2942 Ray Weiland Drive, Baker, Louisiana*  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Anna Marie's Boutique and Unique Gifts.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Approve Business License Request – 2024-6  
Vital Community Care  
Location – 3622 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Vital Community Care.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

4. Approve Business License Request – 2024-7  
TLC Auto Repair, LLC  
Location – 14319 Plank Road, Baker, Louisiana  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

5. Approve Business License Request – 2024-8  
Anna Marie’s Boutique and Unique Gifts  
Location – 2942 Ray Weiland Drive, Baker, Louisiana

This agenda item was previously addressed.

6. Approve Business License Request – 2024-9  
Ready Set Grow Early Learning Academy  
Location – 1255 Camelia Avenue, Baker, Louisiana

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Ready Set Grow Early Learning Academy.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

#### **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 our neighborhoods quality representation of integrity and tenacity.

Council Member Bryant asked that everyone read the mission statement at their leisure.

2. Discuss specifics of renovation to park on N. Magnolia (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson said she has been asked for information regarding this project by residents. She expressed the following concerns and asked for information regarding: what the total cost of the project is, the name of the company doing the work, what the funding source for the project is, and how long the project will take to complete. The Mayor stated he did not have answers to those questions, as they are in the design stage at this point.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT: “Love the Boot” city-wide cleanup – April 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to noon (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent expressed his disappointment regarding trash, litter, and blight in the city. He announced that a city-wide cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, in conjunction with the state’s Love the Boot campaign which runs from April 20, 2024, through April 28, 2024. Volunteers are asked to arrive at City Hall by 8:30 a.m. so that work can begin at 9:00 a.m. The city-wide cleanup will last from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Council Member Vincent encouraged everyone to participate in this worthwhile endeavor and to keep Baker beautiful.

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring April 2024 National Child Abuse Prevention 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 April 2024 Oral Cancer 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 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**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Mayor announced that due to the impending inclement weather, the State, East Baton Rouge Parish, area schools, and the City of Baker will be closed tomorrow. Sandbags will be available for anyone who needs them. The City of Baker's Emergency Operations Center number is 1-800-953-5933.

The Mayor said Pastor Barry Sterling, Sr. passed away and asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Vincent asked that everyone keep his family lifted up in prayer, as they lost his oldest brother last Friday. He thanked the Public Works Department for the work they do. Council Member Vincent implored residents and business owners to maintain their property, to think about their neighbors, and be mindful about the appearance of the city. He asked that residents and business owners continue to be vigilant in their efforts to keep their city beautiful.

Council Member Dunn thanked Public Works Director Anthony Douglas for the amazing work he is doing. She stated she has been talking to the Mayor about beautification efforts on Highway 19 and is looking forward to beginning the project. She thanked Kamari Stinson for his initiative, interest, and involvement with city government.

Council Member Jackson extended an invitation to all graduating seniors interested in additional financial assistance for college expenses to go to Dr. Toni Jackson's scholarship page – [www.drtoni4baker.com](http://www.drtoni4baker.com). It is Dr. Jackson's desire to pass it forward, as someone paved the way for her. Scholarships range from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

## **BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **CONDEMNATIONS**

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dunn to demolish the property at 3939 Grant Street.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

## **ANNEXATIONS**

## **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

Council Member Vincent stated LDEQ has permit requirements for tire shops, and suggested the city inform businesses engaged in such activity of the requirements.

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, 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 April 9, 2024.

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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 9, 2024**

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 9, 2024, 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 March 26, 2024.

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

Kierra Winfield submitted a monthly sales report for March 2024.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to accept the monthly sales report for March 2024.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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 Dunn 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 9, 2024.

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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 9, 2024**

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 9, 2024, 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 March 26, 2024.

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 Dunn to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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**

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