

**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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August 13, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on August 13, 2024, 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.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution indicating the intention of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana, to approve the two (2) year appointment of Darnell Waites as a director to the board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the “Authority”) as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring August 2024 National Immunization 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: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

- 3. Proclamation declaring August 2024 Psoriasis Action 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 Murphy to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

- 1. **Resubdivision Request:** O’Callaghan Lane, Baker, Louisiana

Owner: Reginald Arthur

Name of Applicant: Reginald Arthur
14333 O’Callaghan Lane
Baker, Louisiana 70714

Lot: 10

Subdivision: Joseph T. Babin Tract

Create Lots: 10-A-1 and 10-A-2

Property Zoned: R-1

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the resubdivision request for Reginald Arthur.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

- 2. **Resubdivision Request:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lane, Baker, Louisiana

Owner: Umana Investments, LLC

Name of Applicant: Leonidas Umana
1275 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lane
Baker, Louisiana 70714

Lot: B-2

Subdivision: Rodriguez Tract

Create Lots: B-2-A, B-2-B and B-2-C

Property Zoned: R-2

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the resubdivision request for Leonidas Umana.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2024-16, City of Baker food truck business permits and licensing requirements and to provide for other matters regarding to the same (Dunn) (Young)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to introduce Ordinance 2024-16.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: Vincent

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-1.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2024-17, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Article II, Section 6-21, of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances and to provide for other matters relative to the same (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Vincent to table the introduction of Ordinance 2024-17.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Introduce Ordinance 2024-18, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact City of Baker Code of Ordinances Article V, Section 44, concerning civic center and municipal building lease/rent fees and to provide for other matters regarding the same (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to introduce Ordinance 2024-18.

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. Bulky waste/rubbish and notification (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent brought to the administration's attention the fact that numerous locations in District 1 have had large piles of debris out for pick-up for several weeks. He wanted to be certain that Waste Pro was aware of the situation and that steps are being taken to resolve the issue. Council Member Vincent encouraged everyone to be mindful and properly separate their trash before putting it out for pick-up.

2. Third Saturday litter pick-up (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone to join him in picking up litter at your home, in your neighborhood, and throughout the city every third Saturday.

3. Back-to-school events (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent said he had a very successful back-to-school event, and thanked

the constituents of District 1 as well as those who continue to donate to, support, and volunteer for the various events and programs he sponsors throughout the year.

Council Member Dunn thanked all those who donated to, supported, and volunteered for the Baker Chamber of Commerce's back-to-school event that was held on Saturday, August 3, 2024. She encouraged everyone to continue to come together, unite, and work to make the City of Baker the best city it can be.

Council Member Collins thanked the volunteers who assisted with moving Baker Heights Elementary to their new location on Groom Road, saying all efforts were greatly appreciated and their actions are an example of the Baker community answering the call. She announced a pep rally will be held at Baker High School on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Baker High School open house and ribbon cutting will be held Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Council Member Collins announced a District 3 meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at noon at Victory Nutrition. She thanked the Public Works Department for their response time to a constituent's call in District 3.

Council Member Young thanked the Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star who volunteered at the back-to-school event on Saturday. He announced the next concealed carry forum is tentatively scheduled for August 29, 2024, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Murphy announced a community meeting for residents of District 5 will be held Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor explained the city's process for dealing with blighted property.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Appoint Juandrika Allen to the Municipal Civil Service Board (Mayor)
The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to concur with the mayor's appointment of Juandrika Allen to the Municipal Civil Service Board.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

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 – To be held October 24 - 26, 2024.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast – To be held August 16, 2024.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement
 - e. Main Street District Committee

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Members Murphy/Vincent to adjourn.

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 August 13, 2024.

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
August 13, 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 August 13, 2024, 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 Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2024.

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

Kierra Winfield submitted a monthly sales report for July 2024.

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

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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: 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 August 13, 2024.

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
August 13, 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 August 13, 2024, 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report
Finance Director Mary Sue Stages submitted a report.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to accept the report.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 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.

**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 August 13, 2024.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council