

**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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September 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 10, 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 Murphy, seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Due to the imminent arrival of Hurricane Francine, the decision was made to table every item on the agenda until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to table every item on the agenda until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring September 2024 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)
2. Proclamation declaring September 2024 World Alzheimer's Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

1. 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)
2. Introduce Ordinance 2024-19, landlord/owner responsibility for removal/disposal of debris and waste when tenant moves, abandons and/or is evicted from rental house, apartment complex/unit and lease/rental commercial property and to provide for other matters regarding to the same (Mayor)
3. Introduce Ordinance 2024-20, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 6 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
4. Introduce Ordinance 2024-21, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 9 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
5. Introduce Ordinance 2024-22, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 10 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
6. Introduce Ordinance 2024-23, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 11 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
7. Introduce Ordinance 2024-24, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 14 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
8. Introduce Ordinance 2024-25, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 15 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
9. Introduce Ordinance 2024-26, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Chapter 22 Section 16 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances (Mayor)
10. Discuss streetlights (Young)

PUBLIC MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. Joyful Generations – A Community Celebration – Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Collins)
2. District 3 Community Meeting – Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. (Collins)
3. District 2 Community Meeting – Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building (Dunn)
4. District 5 Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center (Murphy)
5. House at corner of Blairstown and Felicity (Vincent)
6. Groom Road repairs (Vincent)
7. Update on Lavey Lane (Vincent)
8. Discussion of city-wide cleanup especially along Plank Road (Vincent)
9. Library card renewal month (Vincent)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Blight issues (Mayor)

2. Economic Development (Mayor)
3. Baker Buffalo Festival – October 24-26, 2024 (Mayor)
4. Update on Home Rehab Program (Mayor)

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)
8. 2165 Chamberlain (Mayor)
9. 1752 Clark (Mayor)
10. 1905 Alabama Street (Mayor)
11. 4341 Burgess (Bryant)
12. Chamberlain Avenue at John Marks (Mayor)
13. 13829 Alba (Mayor)
14. 3939 Grant Street (Mayor)
15. 1903 Carolyn (Mayor)
16. 2441 Ray Weiland (Mayor)
17. 1008 Epperson (Mayor)

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 Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn 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 September 10, 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
September 10, 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 September 10, 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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 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
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

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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
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**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
September 10, 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 September 10, 2024, with the following members attending:

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Dr. Charles Vincent
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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council