

**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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December 10, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 10, 2024, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Desiree Collins

Cedric Murphy

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

ABSENT

Rochelle Dunn

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Council Member Murphy.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Waites.

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 November 26, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Dunn arrived.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize the Rotary Club of Baker for their commitment to support the City of Baker and their efforts to build goodwill and better friendships in Baker, Louisiana (Mayor) (Collins)

The Mayor and Council Member Collins recognized the Rotary Club of Baker for their commitment to support the City of Baker and their efforts to build goodwill and better friendships in Baker, Louisiana.

2. Recognize Claiborne’s Winter Coat Drive for providing an extra layer to the City of Baker’s children (Collins)

Council Member Collins recognized Claiborne’s Winter Coat Drive for providing an extra layer to the City of Baker’s children.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to adopt residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan (Mayor)

City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy 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 December 2024 Safe Toy and Gift 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 Collins 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.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt Ordinance 2024-32, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2018-7 and reenact Baker Code of Ordinances Part I, Chapter 5 (Buildings and Building Regulations) and Appendix A, Article IV, Section 31 – Building Permit Fees relative to implementation of traffic impact fees (Mayor) (Introduced 11/26/2024)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to adopt Ordinance 2024-32.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. Update on work session (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn stated she followed through with the Mayor on the updates regarding workforce development.

Discussion regarding proposed classes to be offered through the city’s workforce development program was held.

2. Community announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn said that work on the N. Magnolia Street park project continues. She also thanked the Public Works Department for cutting the trees on Highway 19. Council Member Dunn said the city’s new Christmas decorations look good. She said things are looking up, it just takes time.

3. Discuss garbage/trash pickup (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated residents in District 1 are having issues with garbage pick-up. He asked that a town hall meeting be held, and that Waste Pro be afforded the opportunity to go over their services and schedule for the City of Baker, as well as their rules and regulations regarding pick-up. Council Member Vincent said that in order for limbs and other items to be picked up, residents must call Waste Pro at 744-6400 and

provide their address and request this service. He expressed his concerns regarding these issues and asked that the city work toward a resolution.

Discussion followed.

4. Season's greetings (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent extended season's greetings to everyone.

Council Member Vincent asked that in the future administration provide a narrative along with the budget reports, something indicating what the numbers mean and what the money is being used for.

Council Member Collins announced Family Literacy Night is being held at Little Dreamers Christian Academy on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Collins encouraged everyone to participate in the city sponsored toy and bike giveaway. She also encouraged people to register for the parade, to join in the festivities.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Announce approval of the second phase of funding for the Baker Home Rehab Program (Mayor)

Administrative Officer Angela Machen announced the city has received a second round of funding from the Louisiana Housing Corporation for the Baker Home Rehab Program which is performed in conjunction with UREC. This funding will allow the city to rehabilitate additional properties in the community.

The Mayor stated he and the council will attend the annual CRPC Christmas meeting being held in Addis tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor asked for everyone's participation in and support of the annual Christmas parade and the city sponsored toy and bike give-away being held Saturday, December 21, 2024.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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
 - 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 Murphy, seconded by Council Member Young 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 December 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
December 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 December 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 November 26, 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

Commissioner Waites stated with the passing of former mayor and councilman Pete Heine, the name of the cemetery will change to the Norman “Pete” Heine Memorial Cemetery.

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 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.

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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 December 10, 2024.

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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
December 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 December 10, 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

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YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ADJOURN

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YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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**

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 December 10, 2024.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council