

**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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**February 11, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on February 11, 2025, 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 Mayor Waites.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

**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 January 28, 2025.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

- Resubdivision Request:** Plank Road, Baker, Louisiana  
**Owner:** 14500 Baker Properties, LLC  
**Name of Applicant:** 14500 Baker Properties, LLC  
11616 Southfork Avenue – Suite 404  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

**Lot:** 1-A-1

**Subdivision:** Feliciana Land Corp.

**Create Lots:** 1-A-1-A and 1-A-1-B

**Property Zoned:** C-2

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 committee and approve the resubdivision request for 14500 Baker Properties, LLC.

**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. CWEF Resolution 2024-2025 (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Collins 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. LGAP Resolution 2024-2025 (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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.

3. Proclamation declaring February 2025 American Heart Health 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.

4. Proclamation declaring February 2025 National Cancer 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 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduce Ordinance 2025-2, an ordinance to amend, supplement and reenact City of Baker Ordinance 2010-29, concerning life insurance for city council members and the mayor, and to provide for other matters regarding the same (Mayor)  
The mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2025-1, 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) (Introduced 1/28/2025)  
Public meeting was held.

Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance was initiated by Council Member Vincent.

He expressed his concerns regarding the proposed ordinance and said he hoped everyone had a chance to look at the documentation he provided relative to said concerns at the last council meeting. Council Member Vincent feels entities seeking a business license should continue to come before the council for approval. He contends this function is a necessary and vital role of the elected officials that comprise the legislative body of the city, a check and balance inherent to our system of government. He asked that the item be tabled so that further discussion can be held.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt Ordinance 2025-1.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: Vincent

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-1.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

1. Upcoming community meeting (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn thanked the Public Works Department for all their help and support in District 2. She announced a District 2 community meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

2. Lavey Lane update, African American History programs, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent thanked the mayor for the meeting regarding Lavey Lane, Baker Boulevard, and Groom Road and the updates he provided on each project. He stated it has been an excellent African American History Month and thanked everyone for coming out to support those efforts. Council Member Vincent said he received a call regarding the drainage on Longvue, and discussion followed. He stated residents need only call the city in order to get a garbage can or recycle bin and that garbage pick-up is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Council Member Vincent verified with the mayor that the council meeting minutes are posted online, as he was asked about this as well. He stated he spoke with the new owner of the shopping center on Plank Road and all the complaints – the lighting situation behind the buildings, the noise, recklessly operated vehicles – are to be addressed. Council Member Vincent said he has a list of dump sites to be monitored and reminded everyone that cameras, purchased with funds from a Keep Louisiana Beautiful grant, will be placed around the city to help remedy this situation.

Council Member Dunn asked that the lighting on Plank Road be assessed as more streetlights are needed in that area.

Council Member Murphy thanked PEC for completing the project on Rue Jennifer.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The mayor stated all seven of the lift station generators have been installed.

The mayor announced the developer has begun phase two of Sunshine Gardens subdivision.

The mayor said construction on houses in Trinity Estates subdivision on Baker Boulevard will begin soon.

The mayor said work should begin on Lavey Lane and Baker Boulevard in March. He said work on Groom Road is slated to begin soon as well.

The mayor said the city will provide utilities for the new subdivision being built at Groom Road and Old Scenic, the plans call for 1,000 houses.

The mayor encouraged everyone to sign up for GovDelivery in order to stay informed and up to date to with city events.

Administrative Officer Angela Machen provided an update on the home rehab program and the Brownfields grant project.

**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 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 February 11, 2025.

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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  
February 11, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on February 11, 2025, 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 Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2025.

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 Dunn, 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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on February 11, 2025.

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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  
February 11, 2025**

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 February 11, 2025, 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.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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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 February 11, 2025.

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