

**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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March 25, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on March 25, 2025, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Desiree Collins

Rochelle Dunn – Attended via ZOOM

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 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 March 18, 2025.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Lane Regional Medical Center CEO Frank Corcoran (Mayor)

Mr. Corcoran provided an overview of the new construction at Lane as well as many of the state-of-the-art services to be provided at the hospital's new location, saying they hope to be operating out of the new facility by June. He reiterated the importance of service to the community and Lane's dedication to caring for all residents in the region.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Baker High School 2024-2025 Student of the Year Mr. Jarrius Collins (Mayor)

The mayor recognized Baker High School 2024-2025 Student of the Year Mr. Jarrius Collins.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to the State of Louisiana voicing Mayor and Council opposition to the proposed changes at Jetson Correctional (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

2. Proclamation declaring the Week of the Young Child April 5th – 11th in the City of Baker (Collins)
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.

3. Proclamation declaring April 2025 National Autism Acceptance 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.

Miranda Georgetown-Riley announced the Magnolia Rose Foundation for Autism Acceptance will host its annual Rose “Color” Run on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at City Park.

4. Proclamation declaring April 2025 Occupational Therapy 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 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule work session to discuss the Baker Main Street Economic Development District (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to schedule a work session to discuss the Baker Main Street Economic Development District on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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. REMINDERS – Election being held March 29, 2025 – four amendments, Renew Church 5th Sunday Family Day at Baker Park on March 30, 2025 – open to the public, District 3 public meeting being held April 3, 2025 – partnered with Senator Regina Barrow, Magnolia Rose Color Run to be held in April (Collins)

Council Member Collins reminded everyone to vote on Saturday, March 29, 2025. She announced Renew Church will hold its 5th Sunday Family Day at Baker Park on March 30, 2025, from noon to 3:00 p.m. – the event is open to the public. Council Member Collins

announced the District 3 public meeting will be held Thursday, April 3, 2025, and she has partnered with Senator Regina Barrow. She announced the Magnolia Rose “Color” Run will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025, and that Miranda Georgetown-Riley has been voted Citizen of the Year by the Interclub Council.

Council Member Vincent thanked Entergy for removing the downed utility pole in front of Parkwood Terrace subdivision. He encouraged everyone to establish homeowner associations in their subdivisions, as these organizations can be extremely beneficial to all residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor announced Barber Brothers has been selected as the contractor to complete the improvements on Lavey Lane. He reminded everyone that roadwork will be going on simultaneously on Groom Road, Lavey Lane, and Baker Boulevard.

The mayor asked that council members submit their recommendations for the Keep Baker Beautiful Advisory Board.

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)

The mayor stated the city will begin tearing down condemned properties in the next six months, if they are not already adjudicated.

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 March 25, 2025.

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
March 25, 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 March 25, 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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 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 Waites, seconded by Commissioners Dunn/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
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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 March 25, 2025.

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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
March 25, 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 March 25, 2025, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS
Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

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ABSTAIN: None
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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council