

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714
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March 3, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in a special session on March 3, 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 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 February 25, 2025.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session to be held in order to discuss personnel matters regarding City Attorney Ken Fabre (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to go into Executive Session.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to come out of Executive Session.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to hear the council's findings from the Vice-President.

Council Member Murphy read the council's findings as a result of the investigation request. He stated that after meetings with the city attorney and conducting their own internal investigation they find that, in light of the city charter, the conditions for the city attorney's employment were met prior to the appointment of the city attorney.

Council Member Collins stated that no money is owed to the city. The city attorney is licensed and practicing law and is fulfilling the duties and is eligible to receive pay for his services rendered. She said his change of voter registration has set a limitation on him from seeking the same appointment or employment. Council Member Collins said he would not be qualified to get reappointed unless he changes his voter registration and residency back to the City of Baker. However, although he is currently appointed to the position it may remain concurrent, and he can continue to work at his current position as the city attorney.

The mayor stated there was a motion and a second, and called for the vote to accept the recommendation.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

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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 special meeting of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana held on March 3, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council