

**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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April 8, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 8, 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 March 25, 2025.  
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 Murphy to add “Proclamation declaring April 21, 2025, AML World Awareness Day in the City of Baker (Vincent)” to the agenda.  
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**  
1. *Proclamation declaring April 21, 2025, AML World Awareness Day 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.

**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)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, 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 – Brian Minders (Dunn)  
No action was taken on this agenda item.

3. Proclamation declaring April 2025 Minority Health 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 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.

4. Proclamation declaring April 2025 National Child Abuse 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 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. Introduce Ordinance 2025-4, regulations regarding automobile oil changes and automobile tire changes in residential and subdivision areas, and to provide for other matters regarding the same (Mayor)  
Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance was held.

The mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to table Ordinance 2025-4.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2025-3, Chapters 28 and 29 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances: Storm Water Management Relative to During Construction and Post Construction for all development and re-development within the City of Baker and to provide for other matters regarding to the same (Mayor) (Introduced 3/18/2025)

Public meeting was held.

Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-3 was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Members Vincent/Young to adopt Ordinance 2025-3.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

1. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn thanked the Public Works Department for their work in the Leland College subdivision, saying she truly appreciates all they do. Council Member Dunn said the driving fast/racing in the Leland College subdivision is a problem that must be addressed. She said this issue, along with several others, was discussed at the recently held District 2 community meeting, and she thanked the mayor for working with her to resolve the issues facing District 2.

2. Citizens/Councilman concerns (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent thanked the Public Works Department for addressing the sewer problem at his house in a timely manner. He asked again about the status of the lights on Plank Road, reiterating that brighter bulbs and more streetlights are needed for enhanced public safety. Council Member Vincent asked if there is a cab service in the city and was told there is not.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The mayor stated all the lift stations in the city now have generators, which greatly improves drainage throughout the city.

The mayor stated the city needs volunteers and asked council members to assist in recruiting residents to volunteer.

The mayor asked that anyone with ideas on after school programs for older children in the community please contact his office or their council representative.

The mayor encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming citywide cleanup event.

**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 all properties on the condemnation list are going to be checked and if the issues have not been addressed, they will be torn down.

The mayor asked everyone to report piled up trash so that Waste Pro can be alerted and the trash removed.

Council Member Murphy said that for bulk waste pickup residents have to call Waste Pro and schedule a pickup.

#### **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 Members Dunn/Vincent, seconded by Council Member Collins 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 April 8, 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  
April 8, 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 April 8, 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 25, 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  
Bianca Brooks submitted monthly sales reports for January 2025 and February 2025.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the monthly sales reports for January 2025 and February 2025.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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  
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 April 8, 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  
April 8, 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 April 8, 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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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  
Finance Director Mary Sue Stages submitted multiple financial reports.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioners Dunn/Vincent to accept the financial reports.  
YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Waites, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

- 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/Murphy/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**

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