

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714
www.youtube.com/@bakerforward
May 13, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on May 13, 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 Vincent.

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 April 22, 2025.

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

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Capital budget/program
The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Young to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the capital budget/program.
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. Resolution in support of the Baton Rouge Airport transitioning to an independent governing body or model (Mayor)
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young 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. Resolution opposing the restructuring of BREC to City-Parish control (Mayor)

The mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

3. Proclamation declaring May 2025 National Mental Health Month in the City of Baker (Collins)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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 May 2025 Lupus 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.

5. Proclamation declaring May 2025 Skin Cancer 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. Baker City Council discussion and consideration for action relating to alleged inadequacies of the March 3, 2025, special meeting agenda and allowance of public comment before and after the Executive Session of that date (Mayor)

The mayor stated they could have a motion and a second to declare the findings of that council, of that special meeting, during executive session, null and void. He stated they can vote and declare everything done that day null and void and start over.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Dunn to make the findings of that meeting on March 3rd null and void.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The mayor asked for a motion and a second to reset the executive session for the next regular meeting in two weeks on May 27, 2025.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to have an executive session, that we place it on the agenda for May 27, 2025, and the focus of it is a personnel issue with Attorney Fabre.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2025-5, an ordinance to rename the Baker Fire Station in honor of James E. "Goose" Carroll (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Vincent to introduce Ordinance 2025-5.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Introduce Ordinance 2025-6, regulations regarding automobile repair work and oil changes in residential and subdivision areas and to provide for other matters regarding to the same (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Vincent to introduce Ordinance 2025-6.

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. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn announced the Fish & Fun Day will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the park on North Magnolia. She asked that residents be patient with Waste Pro in their efforts to remove the many fallen trees and resulting debris throughout the city. Council Member Dunn suggested that residents 50 and older get the shingles vaccination.

4. *Schedule work session to discuss audit (Mayor)*

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Murphy to schedule a work session to discuss the audit on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Comments from councilman/citizens – Lavey Lane, overlaying of streets, council members submit to KBB Board your nominees for the board, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated several constituents have voiced concerns regarding the work being done on Lavey Lane and inquired about an estimated completion date. He asked fellow council members to submit their nominees for the Keep Baker Beautiful Board, if they have not already done so. Council Member Vincent said several constituents have contacted him about having dirt placed in their front and/or back yards. He said the city has accommodated many residents and provided dirt in the past and asked that if the city has any dirt available now that they contact those residents making such requests. Council Member Vincent provided the mayor with names and phone numbers of those asking for dirt.

On behalf of Baker High School, Council Member Collins invited everyone to attend the Baker High School graduation ceremony being held at the F.G. Clark Activity Center on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Collins announced the Citizen of the Year banquet is also being held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Greenwood Park. This year's honoree is Amanda Georgetown-Riley of the Magnolia Rose Foundation. The event is open to the public and tickets are \$25.00. Council Member Collins announced

the Rotary Club of Baker is hosting inclusive bowling for children with disabilities at All Star Lanes tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Council Member Young announced that he will be the guest speaker at Park Ridge's graduation which is being held Friday, May 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The mayor asked that everyone be informed about what is going on in the legislature and that they let their representatives know their feelings on the topics being addressed.

The mayor thanked council members for their willingness to communicate.

The mayor stated the city is working on blight. He said the city will begin removing junk vehicles from residences in the near future.

Dr. Taylor, 816 W. Magnolia, expressed her concerns regarding Waste Pro and their policy that requires customers to contact them and request and/or schedule debris pickup. Dr. Taylor stated this issue must be addressed and feels the policy should be changed.

The mayor stated the city will meet with Waste Pro and work to find a resolution to these issues.

Admon McCastle, 14056 Brantley, reminded everyone of the federal regulations regarding the appearance of mailboxes. He said mailboxes throughout the city need to be addressed.

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. Chamberlain Avenue at John Marks (Mayor)
12. 1903 Carolyn (Mayor)
13. 2441 Ray Weiland (Mayor)
14. 1008 Epperson (Mayor)

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, 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.

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 May 13, 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
May 13, 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 May 13, 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 April 22, 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/Young 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 May 13, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
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
May 13, 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 May 13, 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.

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 April 22, 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 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.

**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 of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on May 13, 2025.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council