

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM**

Council President Jenny Folsom called the Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025. Police Chaplain Monte Bridgewater presented the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call by City Clerk Wesley Moore reflected the following: Present - Mayor Woody Jacobs, Council President Jenny Folsom, Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook, Council Member Brad Smith, Council Member David Moss, and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. City Attorney Roy Williams and City Clerk Wesley Moore were also present.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from March 17, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2025, as written. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) - Council Member Brad Smith shared the first responders leadership conference was a success with 150 first responders in attendance. Also, the fire department is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from CSX
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Council Member David Moss – No report.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny reported the annual spring clean up was a success with 14,520 pounds of hazardous waste being received and the street pickup netted was 268,000 pounds.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. Park Director Nathan Anderson shared the OmniPlex had a soft opening with a basketball tournament of 23 teams and everything went well. This upcoming weekend the OmniPlex will host a basketball tournament with 90 teams. The Alabama Strawberry Festival will be held April 25-26 with great additions to the festival. Airport Director Ben Harrison reported on airport improvement projects.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom – No report.

VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Jacobs proclaimed April “Fair Housing” Month in Cullman. Also, he thanked everyone for their prayers for his brother’s passing the previous week.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ricky Browning, 1417 Bolte Road, asked the council to reach out to the Governor for a special election for the House District 12 vacancy.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, AND OTHER

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve a special event request from Leldon Maxcy to hold the annual Warehouse District Street Sale on April 10 and April 11, 2025. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve a special event request from Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism to hold the annual Alabama Strawberry Festival in the Special Events District on April 25 and April 26, 2025. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Moss made a motion to approve a special event request from Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism to hold the annual ‘Dinner on First’ in the Warehouse District on May 17, 2025. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Smith made a motion to *table* the special event request from Michael McBrayer for the annual Rock the South Music Festival at York Family Farms located at 1872 County Road 469 on Thursday, July 19, 2025 through Saturday, July 21, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved to table the special event request by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 33
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA
TO MAINTAIN A SIDEWALK IN THE CITY LIMITS OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama as follows:

1. That the City of Cullman, Alabama, enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the maintenance of +/- 198.5 feet of sidewalk on AL HWY 0069 at MP 23.638 to 23.590 within the city limits of Cullman which agreement is before the Council.
2. That the Agreement be executed in the name of the City, by its Mayor, for and on its behalf;
3. That the signature of the Mayor be attested by the City Clerk and that the seal of the City be affixed to the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the Agreement by all parties, that a copy of such Agreement be kept on record by the City Clerk.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 7th day of April, 2025.

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Smith made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-34

This Resolution is made this 7th day of April, 2024 by City of Cullman, Alabama, to grant a tax abatement for Project Box.

WHEREAS, the Company has announced plans for a major addition to their existing facility located within the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 (Section 40-9B-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975) (the Act), the Company has requested from the Granting Authority an Abatement of all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes, and all construction related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the abatement of state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes (if applicable) be extended for a period of 10 years, in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has considered the amended request of the Company and the completed amended application (copy attached) filed with the Granting Authority by the Company, in connection with its request; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has found the information contained in the Company's amended application to be sufficient to permit the Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project and to determine the economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the project will involve capital investment of \$47,200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama, and has powers to enter into, and to perform or observe the agreements and covenants on its part contained in the Tax Abatement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority represents and warrants to the Company that it has power under that constitution and laws of the State of Alabama (including particularly the provisions of the Act) to carry out provisions of the Tax Abatement Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Granting Authority as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the application of the Company and abatement is hereby granted of all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes, all construction related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education; and as the same may apply to the fullest extent permitted by the Act. The period of abatement for the noneducational ad valorem taxes (if applicable) shall extend for a period of 10 years measured as provided in Section 40-9B-3(h) of the Act.

Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to enter into an abatement agreement with the Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section 1.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company to deliver to the appropriate local taxing authorities (if applicable) and to the Alabama Department of Revenue in accordance with the Act.

Section 4. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the City of Cullman, Alabama of Alabama at a meeting held on the 7th day of April, 2025.

BY: /s/ Woody Jacobs

Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore

Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-35

TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS OR NOT NEEDED BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council hereby finds and determines that the City of Cullman is owner of various capital assets and inventory that is no longer needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and that the best interests of the City will be served by the sale or disposal of said property;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to designate a City employee to sell or disposal of said property that is no longer needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes for its present fair market value.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 7th day of April, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 7th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Smith made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-85 of the Code of Alabama 1975 requires the Mayor to annually appoint an independent auditor to conduct an examination of all books and accounts of the City of Cullman in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards and to make a full report to the Cullman City Council in writing and under oath;

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-85 of the Code of Alabama 1975 requires the Cullman City Council to spread the full report from the independent auditor upon the minutes;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors to conduct the annual audit for fiscal year 2024;

WHEREAS, Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors has completed the annual audit for fiscal year 2024 and delivered the full report to the Cullman City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the fiscal year 2024 annual audit is now spread upon the minutes.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 7th day of April, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 7th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – None.

Council President Folsom asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member President Pro Tem Cook made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.