

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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, May 5, 2025. Fire Chief Darren Peeples 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, and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. City Attorney Roy Williams and City Clerk Wesley Moore were also present. Council Member David Moss was absent.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from April 21, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 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 – No report.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Council Member David Moss – No report.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny – No report.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth announced that he will not seek re-election for Council Place 4, as he will be a candidate for the Alabama House District 12 seat.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom gave a financial report on the first half of fiscal year 2025; sharing that in comparison to this point last year, revenues are up 6.1% and expenses decreased by 3.9%.

VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Jacobs gave an update on the city's operations, and shared the Alabama Strawberry Festival was a success, drawing an attendance of over 60,000 people. City Clerk Wes Moore gave a report on the success of this year's AHSAA state track meet.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Paul Schaeffer announced his candidacy for City Council Place 4 in the upcoming election.

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 Katie Walker of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual 2nd Friday events on June 13, July 11, and August 8, 2025. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER

Council President Folsom held the second hearing of Ordinance No. 2025-09. Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-09:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 09

**AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA,
TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owners, Richard Coots and Patricia Coots, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Address: Marie Street NW. PPIN: 22302. Parcel No. : 17-02-09-4-021-001.000

Legal Description: Commence at the Northwest corner of Block B of the Loring Addition to the City of Cullman, Alabama; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds East 150.00 feet along the South right-of-way line of Marie Street NW to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set and the point of beginning; Thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds East 164.39 feet to an existing iron on the South right-of-way of Marie Street NW; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 280.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the North right-of-way line of Dripping Springs Road; thence South 89 degrees 9 minutes 52 seconds West 164.39 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the North right-of-way line of Dripping Springs Road; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 280.00 feet back to the point of beginning.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-3 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-3 Residential District to R-4 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsis, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 21st day of April, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 5th day of May, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 5th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council President Pro Tem Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

Council President Folsom held the second hearing of Ordinance No. 2025-10. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-10:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 10

TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owners, Keith Blackwood, II and Margaret Blackwood, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PIN: 68669. Parcel Number: 22-01-020-000-005.050. Property Address: 20 County Road 499, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Legal Description: Lot 30 of Shadow Lake Estates Subdivision as shown and know on the plat filed for record in Map Book B-263-A, located in the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 5th day of May, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 5th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Smith seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council President Pro Tem Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to reappoint Jenny Folsom to the CATS55 Board. Council Member Smith 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 reappoint Wesley Moore to the CATS55 Board. Council Member Smith 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 reappoint Hugh Harris to the CATS55 Board. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Folsom asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Smith made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.