

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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, June 23, 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 June 2, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2, 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 reported that the number of public safety incidents at the Rock the South event was lower than the previous year.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Council Member David Moss shared that the Wastewater Treatment Plant was awarded the Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association's Best Operated Plant Award Winner in the Trickling Filter category.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny – No report.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. Airport Director Ben Harrison reported on the airport's upcoming hangar, taxiway and apron projects.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom wished Hannah Jacobs a happy birthday.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Jacobs thanked Steve Eddleman of World Changers for the organization's work in the community by performing needed home repairs for several homeowners within the city. These construction projects were performed by adults as well as college and high school age volunteers.

**COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Tammy Caldwell, 604 Veigl Avenue SW, spoke regarding people speeding on Veigl Avenue SW.  
Elizabeth McDowell, 90 County Road 417, suggested several infrastructure improvements.  
Gloria Ramos, 602 Katie Lane SW, spoke about safety issues in the City of Cullman.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

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

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve a special event permit from BreeAna Nelson of Desperation Church to host a family night event on July 23, 2025 from 4:00 pm until 8:30 pm at Depot Park. Council Member Smith 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 permit from Tommy Warhurst of Good Samaritan Health Clinic to host a Caring for Cullman Health and Wellness Fun Day on September 13, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm at 118 Veterans Drive SW. 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 approve a special event permit from Taylor Johnson of United Way of Cullman County to host a pickleball tournament on October 4, 2025 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Ingle Park. 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 Member Smith made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52**

**TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ST. JOHN & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it would serve a public purpose to enter into contract with St. John and Associates, Inc. for engineering, design, administrative, and other professional services contingent on the approval of the SRF application for sanitary sewer collection system improvements and rehabilitation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with St. John and Associates, Inc. for engineering, design, administrative, and other professional services contingent on the approval of the SRF application for sanitary sewer collection system improvements and rehabilitation.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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 approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 53**

**TO UPDATE THE POLICY FOR COMPENSATION FOR TRAFFIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS**

WHEREAS, the men and women of the City of Cullman Police Department wear their uniforms with dedication, honor and integrity as they protect and defend the community in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proudly supports all law enforcement officers and the selfless job in which they perform daily; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the public need and commitment in backing and strengthening the Police Department's Traffic Homicide Investigation Unit ("THI") to produce and attain highly-trained and positively-motivated police officers capable of meeting the high expectations of professional police service of the City of Cullman Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that it is imperative from a public safety point to acknowledge the strong and experienced participation of the officers in the THI program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide a formal pay incentive for officers who officially serve, while on shift, in a role as a Traffic Homicide Investigator ("THI"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance to the community and law enforcement as a whole to encourage continued participation in the THI program while being employed with the City of Cullman Police Department; and

WHEREAS, those officers who actively participate in the THI unit and have successfully passed certifications as a Traffic Homicide Investigator or Advanced Traffic Homicide Investigator shall receive an increase of fifty cents in his or her hourly wage over their base pay; and

WHEREAS, those officers who actively participate in the THI unit and have successfully passed certifications as a Traffic Homicide Reconstructionist shall receive an additional increase of one dollar in his or her hourly wage over their base pay; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Homicide Investigation unit shall be comprised of a maximum of five officers; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, the Traffic Homicide Investigators Program shall be conducted under this updated Traffic Homicide Investigation policy for the Cullman Police Department.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-54**

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport during fiscal year 2026.

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

1. That the City of Cullman is authorized to make an application for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project in fiscal year 2026 to make improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport.
2. That the application be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Cullman by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the City.
3. That the City of Cullman is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project to make improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Cullman for and on behalf of the City of Cullman by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Cullman to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his/her opinion, the City of Cullman is duly authorized to commit the City of Cullman to an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cullman hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration's and the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting as the City Clerk, of City of Cullman, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the City of Cullman named therein, at a regular meeting of such body held on the 23rd day of June, 2025, and that such resolution is on file in the office of the City of Cullman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Cullman on this 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

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 approve the following resolution:

**CITY OF CULLMAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-55**

**WHEREAS**, City of Cullman has applied for and received a \$1,000,000.00 FY2024 Appalachian Regional Commission Grant (ARC) Grant #:AL-21878-2024 to construct a 10,000 square foot hangar and a 1,600 square foot classroom at the Cullman Regional Airport.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with ARC regulations, the City of Cullman has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to provide design build services for above referenced building in accordance with the approved bid documents.

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council on May 12, 2025, approved the award of this contract Newell Construction in the amount of \$2,734,670.00 to design and construct the 10,000 square foot hangar and 1,600 square foot classroom at the Cullman Regional Airport; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with ARC grant requirements the Cullman City Council agrees to provide the additional \$734,760.00 in local matching funds required to complete this project as proposed in the city's ARC grant application.

**READ AND APPROVED** by the City of Council of Cullman, Alabama on this the 23rd day of June 2025.

**Signed for the Cullman City Council:**

By: /s/Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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

Council President Folsom held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-11 to rezone the Nguyen & Ha property located on Miller Street from R-2 to B-2 Business District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 11**

**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 owner, Nguyen & Ha Properties, LLC, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Address: 1010 Miller Street. PPIN: 18022. Parcel No. : 17-05-21-4-009-002.000.

Legal Description: Lot 1 of Persall Subdivision as recorded in Map Book B, Page 348D, Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to utility and drainage easement as shown on the plat of Persall Subdivision as recorded in Slide B348D in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Property Address: 0 Miller Street. PPIN: 65859. Parcel No. : 17-05-21-4-009-002.001.

Legal Description: Lot No 2. According to the Plat of Persall Subdivision to the City of Cullman, Alabama, located in the SE quarter of the SE quarter, Section 21, Township 10, South, Range 3 West and being recorded in B-348-D in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Persall Subdivision recorded in Map Slide B348D in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 744, Page 923.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-2 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-2 Residential District to B-2 Business 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 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 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Moss 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 Johnny Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

Council President Folsom held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-12 to rezone the Industrial Development Board property located at Hwy 69 and Hwy 157 from M-1 to B-2 Business District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-12.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 12**

#### **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, Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Address: Hwy 69 NE & Hwy 157 NE. PPIN: 67974. Parcel No. : 16-03-06-0-001-029.001

Legal Description: Tract 1. Lot 1 of the preliminary Plat, City of Cullman, Industrial Park No. 5 as recorded in Map Book 2006, Page 35 in the office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama and containing 10.98 acres of land, more or less.

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 M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 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 23rd day of June, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of June, 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 Johnny Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to appoint Monte Ketchum to complete Trent Lowry's term on the CPRST Board. 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 reappoint Will Harding to the CPRST Board. Council President Pro Tem Cook 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 Moss seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.