

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held September 24, 2025, at 12:00 PM. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor Miko Pickett and Members of the City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor Miko Pickett, Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson, Council Members: Luke Gasque, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Albert Woodberry, Terry Davis, City Attorney Bob Corley, and many others.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Mayor Miko Pickett called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor Miko Pickett stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the special committee meeting for Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

3. New Business: Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan Scope of Work

Goals:

1. More jobs / Economic Development
2. Market Assets of Mullins – Positive Messages
3. Build and Maintain Infrastructure
4. Housing Strategy
5. Industry
6. Community Engagement

Success Metrics:

1. Increase Revenue
2. Population Increase
3. Lower Unemployment Rates
4. Safer Neighborhoods

Trends:

1. Business Diversification
2. Shopping Online – impacting retail
3. Walkable City Options
4. Past Covid Closings

- SWOT Analysis:

1. Strengths

- Geographic location
- Dillon Inland Port
- Tight knit – caring citizens
- Affordable land
- Friendly
- Interstate 73
- Good Infrastructure
- Family Oriented
- City Staff

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2. Weaknesses

- Less Job Opportunity
- Fewer hotel rooms
- Dilapidated buildings
- Housing & Heir properties
- Laco of Industry
- Retail leakage / Loss of Retail
- School Quality

3. Opportunities

- Railroads
- Vacant factories
- Capitalize on Infrastructure
- \$2.2m Park Development
- Tourism Development
- SC Tobacco Museum
- Grant for Abandoned Houses
- Expanded Historic Tourism
- Grants for murals
- New Beautification Committee
- Shared Resources

4. Threats

- Businesses not engage in development
- Lack of Funding/Reduced Grant Opportunity
- Not Prepared for Growth
- Losing City Employees

- What are Emerging Trends Impacting Mullins' Economy
- What Strategic Public Investments are Needed for Community and Economic Development?

1. City Tax is not balance
2. Enforcement of codes/Business License
3. Make City more efficient
4. Lights & Signage in Neighborhoods

- Who are Mullins' Strategic Partners?

1. State delegation
2. Healthcare Foundation
3. Duke Energy
4. Anderson Brothers Bank

- How does the City Measure Success?

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There was discuss as a group.

- What are the City's Goals for Economic Development?

There was discussion as a group.

4. Adjournment:

Mayor Miko Pickett adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Miko Pickett

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk