



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
February 19, 2019 – 4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Chair and Bill Malinowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Michelle Onley and Kimberly Williams-Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. February 5, 2019 – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as corrected. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to nominate Ms. Newton for the position of Chair.

The vote in favor of electing Ms. Newton, as Chair, was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Ms. Newton stated, her understanding is, the items on the agenda today are to be discussed, so they can be moved forward to the Council meeting.

Mr. Livingston stated the alternative is to keep the item(s) in committee, if you thought you were not ready to make a recommendation.

- a. Move that the Rules & Appointments Committee review the current County Council Rules and offer amendments for consideration by Council that would clarify exactly how County Council voting will occur with specific reference to how a non-vote (i.e. not a “yes”, “no” or “abstain” vote) from a member present at the meeting shall be counted or not counted [PEARCE] – Mr. Malinowski stated this item has been presented to Council, but because of the make-up of the committee previously, the vote was not taken.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the following language: “If a member is present and does not declare a vote or an

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abstention, his/her vote shall be recorded as ‘present but did not vote.’”

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Revisit the bed and breakfast ordinance to increase the number of rooms up to 20, so the business can be profitable and flourish. This would be in line with keeping the rural character and allow opportunities for small businesses. [N. JACKSON] – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to forward this item to the Development & Services Committee, as recommended by staff.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Clarify the misleading term “cannot call names” during Citizens’ Input. Formal names can be called, but no name calling will be allowed outside of your formal name [N. JACKSON] – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to re-affirm Council’s action at the December 4th Council meeting.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Bring forward all motions that were not resolved and place them on the appropriate agenda [N. JACKSON] – Ms. Onley stated the Clerk’s Office will be including a “Pending Analysis” Section on each committee agenda, which will include the status of motions sent to the respective committee. In addition, the Clerk’s Office will continue to maintain a spreadsheet of all motions made, which will include a “timeline” of actions taken on each motion.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to re-affirm Council’s action at the December 4th Council meeting.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:14 PM.