



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
March 5, 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** – Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. February 19, 2019 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **INTERVIEWS**
 - a. Hospitality Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (Two Applicants must be from the Restaurant Industry) – Ms. Debora D. Lloyd was interviewed for the at-large vacancy on the Hospitality Tax Committee.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint Ms. Lloyd to the Hospitality Tax Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.
 - b. Accommodations Tax – One (1) Vacancy (applicant must have a background in the Cultural Industry) – Mr. Anthony Lewis was interviewed for the vacancy on the Accommodations Tax Committee.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to forward to Council with a recommendation to re-advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.
 - c. Employee Grievance – Six (6) Vacancies (Must be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates) – Mr. Jeffrey Walker and Ms. Susan Haurston-Hunt were interviewed for the Employee Grievance Committee.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint Ms. Haurston-Hunt to the Employee Grievance Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to forward to Council with a recommendation to re-advertise for the remaining vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

- a. I move that we establish rules for electing persons to serve on Boards/Commissions rather than going by the Parliamentarian's recollections of how it was done in the past with serious consideration to include appointments require a majority of Council members' vote [MANNING] – No action was taken.
- b. All Boards and Commissions staffed with volunteer citizens have various opportunities for multiple terms. It has become the practice of the Rules and Appointments Committee to treat incumbents seeking additional terms exactly the same as new applicants. No "extra credit" is given for an incumbent whose service may have been exemplary. I believe this practice is unfair and potentially detrimental to the welfare of the Boards and Commissions, as valuable, experienced individuals are being lost simply because new candidates may have performed better in their 5 – 10 minute interviews. I move that the Rules and Appointments Committee review this situation and begin to provide some type of consideration for candidates seeking additional terms [PEARCE] – No action was taken.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:57 PM.