



Richland County
Rules and Appointments Committee
April 20, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, Gretchen Barron and Jesica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl English, Allison Terracio, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Tamar Black, Bill Davis, Brittney Hoyle-Terry, Dale Welch, John Thompson, Elizabeth McLean, Geo Price, Hayden Davis, Lauren Hogan, Lori Thomas, Dwight Hanna, Allison Steele, Leonardo Brown, Randy Pruitt, and Andrea Mathis

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. April 20, 2021– Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Mathis noted the Rules and Appointments agenda was amended to include Ms. Jonnieka Farr’s application.

Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to remove Items #5-7, and adopt the agenda as amended.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to why Ms. Mackey wanted to remove these items.

Ms. Mackey responded, based on the minutes from the previous meeting, we stated this meeting would be for the purpose of interviews. We only have five candidates scheduled to be interviewed, and we specifically requested to have 10-15. In addition, we will not be able to make appointments because we have not interviewed all applicants for the Community Relations Council.

Mr. Malinowski noted the 10-15 candidates was something that Ms. Barron said she would like to see, but it was not anything concrete. He agreed we want to conduct as many interviews as possible, but if it is the will of the committee to only conduct the interviews in front of us and not take any other items up for action, that will be up to the committee. Ms. Onley stated, at the previous meeting, these applicants would complete the interviews for the Community Relations Council.

Ms. Mackey noted Ms. Shandelle Simmons had not been interviewed, and inquired as to why.

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Ms. Barron stated, while she did make a recommendation of 10-15 applications, the reason we moved the time up was solely for the purpose of interviews. The interviews should not stop because we are finished with Community Relations Council, but should continue on with another group of applicants during this extended period of time.

Ms. Mathis responded Ms. Shandelle Simmons withdrew her application. She stated there were more interviews scheduled for this meeting, and we have done some research on the remaining vacancies.

Ms. Barron responded, we do have more applicants, but we do not have set forth what we requested. She noted the goal is to fill these seats as quickly as possible. To get the people off the paper and into the interview room.

Ms. Mathis noted there is no internal process for this in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Mackey amended her motion to remove Items #6-7.

Ms. Barron stated, although we need to act on the rules, we also need to move forward with the process of interviewing these applicants in a timely manner.

Mr. Malinowski suggested, for the next meeting, to schedule 10 interviews, and see how much time it requires. Any time remaining could be devoted to updating the Council Rules. He noted Council members should be notified of the vacancies, so they can assist with recruiting efforts.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS**

- a. Community Relations Council – 8 – Ms. Jonnieka Farr, Ms. Demestress “Dee” Bell-Williams, Ms. Heather Singleton, and Ms. Kira Person interviewed for the Community Relations Council.

Mr. Malinowski noted Ms. Yvonne Murray-Boyles was unable to be interviewed due to a medical emergency.

5. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Community Relations Council – 8 – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item until the May 18th meeting to allow Ms. Murray-Boyles an opportunity to interview.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. Boards, Committees and Commissions Recruitment – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.
- b. Boards, Committees and Commissions Descriptions and Duties – This item was removed during the

Adoption of the Agenda.

- c. I move that Council work with staff to conduct a comprehensive review of Council rules and recommend changes to streamline the rules to improve the functioning of Council business [NEWTON] – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. Once Council approves an action no Council member is to individually go to a staff member in an effort to accomplish/change something that was not in the approved information/action by Council [MALINOWSKI] – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.
- b. I move to amend the Public Nuisance Ordinance to define "Public Places/Establishments" to include restaurants, taverns, lodges, parking lots, and public places where children or students attend and/or normally congregate – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.
- c. I move that all County Employees presenting to County Council during an official Council meeting (Regular, Special Called, Public Zoning Hearing or Standing Committees) held in Zoom have a live camera running during their actual verbal input. – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.
- d. I move that if matters such as Clerk to Council Search or Compensation for Interim Clerk of Council are to be a part of the Employee Evaluation Oversight Ad Hoc Committee that the name of the Ad Hoc Committee be changed to better reflect what would fall under the purview of its function, responsibility, and/or purpose – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.
- e. Direct the Rules Committee to determine which Richland County Boards, Committees and Commissions should have as a qualification that the person applying must reside in the unincorporated area of Richland County only. There are some of these positions where other municipalities appoint individuals and if a person applying for one of those positions resides in that municipality then they should make application through them – This item was removed during the Adoption of the Agenda.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:13 PM.