



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
October 1, 2019 – 4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Chair, Bill Malinowski and Gwen Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kimberly Williams-Roberts and Geo Price

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. September 17, 2019 – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes as distributed.

The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to adopt the agenda as published.

The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **INTERVIEWS**
 - a. Community Relations Council – Two (2) Vacancies – Mr. Gardner Johnson and Ms. Brenda E. Peterson were interviewed.
5. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. Community Relations Council – Two (2) Vacancies – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to re-advertise the vacancies.

Ms. Newton stated, even though Mr. Johnson works for the City of Columbia, he would just as equally be able to bring people together across the community. Perhaps having him being a dual representative of the County and the City is an additional insight. She does not think it disqualifies him, and she has been told that he is doing really good work for the committee.

The vote was in favor.

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6. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**

1. Accommodations Tax – Two (2) Vacancies (1 applicant must have a background in the lodging industry & 1 applicant must have a background in the cultural industry)
2. Hospitality Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from Restaurant Industry)
3. Employee Grievance Committee – Seven (7) Vacancies (MUST be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates)
4. Board of Assessment Appeals – Two (2) Vacancies
5. Board of Zoning Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
6. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Five (5) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE from the Gas Industry, ONE from the Building Industry & TWO from Fire Industry as alternates)
7. Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies (One applicant must be from the public procurement arena & one applicant must be from the consumer industry)
8. Planning Commission – Four (4) Vacancies
9. Internal Audit Committee – Two (2) Vacancies (applicant with CPA preferred)
10. Community Relations Council – Two (2) Vacancies
11. Township Auditorium Board – One (1) Vacancy
12. Richland Memorial Hospital Board – Five (5) Vacancies
13. Airport Commission – Three (3) Vacancies
14. LRADAC – One (1) Vacancy
15. East Richland Public Service Commission – One (1) Vacancy
16. CMRTA – One (1) Vacancy

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to advertise the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONACTION**

- a. 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] – Mr. Farrar stated he took an omnibus approach, with a goal being the rules should enable Council, and not hinder them. Anything that restricted Council more than State law did, he recommended against including. He suggested, when this is briefed to Council, to put the key changes to the rules up on screen and/or hold a work session. He stated the redlined version has

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the Council Rule, the model rule and then the suggested rule.

Ms. Newton suggested emailing the revised rules to Council and having them provide feedback.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to provide the proposed Council Rules to Council members, and have them provide their input to the committee by October 15th.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. I move that the Council Rules be modified to reflect that Council Meetings scheduled as a part of the Annual Meeting Calendar approved by the Full Council prior to the beginning of the Calendar year in which they will be held are considered to be Regular Meetings and not considered Special Called Meetings just because they are not held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month [MANNING] – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to incorporate the rule change into the updated rules, prior to them being forwarded to Council for feedback.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:46 PM.