



Richland County Council  
Rules and Appointments Committee  
February 9, 2021 – 4:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, Gretchen Barron, Jessica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Tamar Black, Derrek Pugh, Lori Thomas, Elizabeth McLean, Cheryl English

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 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** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR** - Ms. Barron nominated Mr. Malinowski as Chair.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES** – Ms. Mackey inquired if the vacancies were current, and if so, to what date.

Ms. Onley responded the vacancies to be advertised are up to March. Another advertisement will be sent out in April/May timeframe.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for clarification, while the advertisement is through March there are some individuals who term is effective during that timeframe.

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Ms. Onley replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski noted those individuals would be rolling off or reapplying, and there are some vacancies that have not been filled yet.

Ms. Onley responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Mackey inquired if these vacancies were current as of this meeting.

Ms. Onley answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Livingston inquired if it would be possible for Ms. Onley to create a list of the boards/committees/commission that have individuals with terms expiring.

Ms. Onley responded in the affirmative, and she would have the list provided to the committee by the end of the week.

Mr. Livingston responded when a Councilmember gets a question about vacancies, they would at least know the term expiring and whether or not that person is an incumbent.

Ms. Barron stated it concerns her that there are nearly 60 vacancies and the process we are currently utilizing. She would like the committee to review the frequency which we advertise and what we can do to expedite things.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Ms. Onley could indicate how long there has been a vacancy on the various committees. Then we can concentrate on getting the older ones filled first, and have Councilmembers make efforts to recruit for those positions.

Ms. Onley responded in the affirmative and noted that she would include that on the list she plans to send out by the end of the week.

Mr. Malinowski requested an item for discussion of recruiting for boards committees and commissions be placed on the next agenda so we can discuss ways to filling these vacancies.

- a. Accommodations Tax – Five (5) Vacancies (ONE applicant must have a background in the lodging industry, THREE applicants must have a background in the hospitality industry, and ONE applicant will fill an At-large seat)
- b. Airport Commission (Hamilton-Owens) – Two (2) Vacancies
- c. Board of Assessment Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
- d. Board of Zoning Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
- e. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Six (6) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE from the GAS Industry, ONE from the Building Industry, ONE from the Contracting Industry & TWO from Fire Industry as alternates)
- f. Business Service Center – Four (4) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from the Business

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Industry and TWO applicants must be a CPA)

g. Central Midlands Council of Governments – Five (5) Vacancies

h. Community Relations Council – Eight (8) Vacancies

i. East Richland Public Service Commission – Two (2) Vacancies

j. Employee Grievance Committee – Six (6) Vacancies (MUST be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates)

k. Hospitality Tax – Five (5) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from the Restaurant Industry)

l. Internal Audit Committee – Two (2) Vacancies (applicant with CPA preferred)

m. Lexington Richland Alcohol Drug Abuse Council – One (1) Vacancy

n. Music Festival – Two (2) Vacancies

o. Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies – (One applicant must be from the public procurement arena & one applicant must be from the consumer industry)

p. Richland Library Board of Trustees – One (1) Vacancy

q. Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees – Two (2) Vacancies

r. River Alliance – One (1) Vacancy

s. Riverbanks Park Commission – One (1) Vacancy

t. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) – Five (5) Vacancies

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to advertise Items 5(a) – 5(t).

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey,

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **INTERVIEWS**

- a. Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) – 2 – Mr. Harold (Harry) C. Ward, Mr. Marvin E. Robinson, Jr., and Mr. Andrew (Andy) R. Tolleson were interviewed.

7. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. Unless there are truly extenuating circumstances agenda items should not be listed as “Title

Only". (Somebody was late getting it to us" is not extenuating.) This only gives the public two opportunities to see an item prior to final approval by Council when in fact there should be three. [MALINOWSKI] - No action was taken.

- b. Consider moving the Horizon meeting to Tuesday and have delivery of finished agendas to Council members by Thursday close of business - No action was taken.

8. **ITEM 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] - No action was taken.
- 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 - No action was taken.
- 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. - No action was taken.
- d. 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. - No action taken.
- e. 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. - No action was taken.
- f. Boards, Committees and Commissions Descriptions and Duties. - No action was taken.

- 9. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:58 PM.