

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA



RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

April 7, 2015
4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17, 2015 – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

March 24, 2015 – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Council went into Executive Session at approximately 4:10 p.m.
and came out at approximately 4:13 p.m.*

INTERVIEWS

Planning Commission - 4 – Mr. Wallace Brown, Sr.; Mr. William Z. Riley; Mr. C. David Tuttle; and Ms. Beverly Diane Frierson were interviewed. The Committee will make an appointment recommendation once all applicants have been interviewed.

Accommodations Tax - 2 – Ms. Amber Martin was interviewed. The Committee will make an appointment recommendation once all applicants have been interviewed.

Committee Members Present

Bill Malinowski, Chair
Julie-Ann Dixon
Jim Manning

Others Present:

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.
Michelle Onley
Monique McDaniels

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DISCUSSION

A discussion took place regarding snacks being provided to Planning Commission members during their meetings. The Clerk's Office was instructed to speak with Planning staff regarding this matter and bring back recommendations to the committee.

Council Rules

- A. **After discussion between the Rules Committee Chair and Clerk to Council it has been determined that the rules of Richland County Council are efficient and outline the duties and responsibilities of each council member. Therefore, it is recommended that the committee review the current policies/procedures for any additional input/changes**
1. **Allow members to electronically participate in standing committee meetings** – This item was held in committee pending a legal opinion.
 2. **Allow members to electronically participate during executive session** – This item was held in committee pending a legal opinion.
- B. **MOTION: Re-activate the Richland County Youth Commission. The youth commission has been inactive since 1998 and there are currently no existing or active members. This commission identifies youth-related problems or potential problems; implement programs to increase the awareness of the general population and elect officials of the needs and problems facing youth and their families; and they seek and administer federal, state and private funding for commission operations and for projects proposed by the commission pursuant to the powers enumerated herein [ROSE]**

Mr. Malinowski inquired if there was presently any responsible agency in the County that has established programs of this nature that the County could partner with to provide these services.

Ms. McDaniels and Mr. Harley have been working together to identify programs (i.e. the Sheriff's Department, Solicitor's Office and Recreation Commission).

Ms. McDaniels stated the Youth Commission was one of the committees/commissions in the ordinance that was dissolved, but remained in the ordinance. In order to remove these

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committees/commissions from the ordinance, the ordinance will need to be amended.

- C. **Richland County Government also reviews the election of the Chair's rule which states that the chair should be elected yearly with two-thirds of its members. In conjunction with Councilman Jackson and Manning previous motions to have meaningful representation that the citizens have the opportunity to elect the chair like the citizens in Horry County. This will remove the responsibility of council members. If the Legislative Delegation would support the election of the chair by the citizens. Our current process is apparently flawed and personal; therefore, the people of Richland County deserve to have an adequate transparent representation [DICKERSON]**

Mr. Manning requested the Clerk's Office to insure that any motion placed on the agenda contains accurate information.

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to recommended denial of this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- D. **In the event that a Standing Committee of Council (Administration & Finance, Development & Services, Economic Development, Rules & Appointments) should fail to have a quorum of its members present either at the beginning of the meeting or after the meeting has begun, any items or items that are reported on Committee Agenda deemed "time sensitive" by a committee member or County staff will be referred to the Chair of the Committee, the Chair of Council and the County Administrator. A determination will be then be made by this group as to whether the "time sensitive" designation is valid. This determination may require consultation with a Department Head, Procurement, Legal, et al. If a determination of time sensitivity is made in the affirmative, the Chair of Council may add the item to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting for review, debate and action [PEARCE AND MANNING] - Mr. Manning requested this item be placed on the next Rules & Appointments Committee agenda for action.**

Mr. Malinowski asked for a legal opinion on whether the action requested in the motion can be taken by Council.

- E. **Review the terms of days missed per annum to continue to serve on the Planning Commission. Reason: With a nine member Commission and the importance of the body, as applications are**

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time sensitive, there should not be any reason the Planning Commission cannot meet a quorum [JACKSON AND MALINOWSKI] –
Hold in committee to review the policy on absences (i.e. medical or employment excuse).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council

