



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL RULES AND APPOINTMENTS

Jim Manning	Bill Malinowski, Chair	Torrey Rush
District 8	District 1	District 7

**FEBRUARY 5, 2013
4:45 PM**

4th Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Approval Of Minutes

1. January 15, 2013 [PAGES 3-5]

Adoption Of Agenda

- 2.

Items For Action

3. Central Midlands Council of Governments; additional appointments required **[PAGES 7-9]**

Discussion

4. Dissolve the Richland County Appearance Commission and amend the Richland County Conservation Commission's responsibilities to include appearance. This motion is based on 1. overlapping areas of responsibilities under enabling ordinances for each Commission and the Richland County Strategic Plan, 2. availability of funding needed to support similar and/or duplicative projects and 3. difficulties maintaining membership in the Appearance Commission **[PEARCE and MANNING] [FIRST READING] [PAGES 213-216]**

Adjournment



Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

January 15, 2013 [PAGES 3-5]

Purpose

Minutes of



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE DECEMBER 11, 2012 4:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Member Chair, Bill Malinowski
Member Jim Manning
Member Torrey Rush

ALSO PRESENT- Brad Farrar, Julie-Ann Dixon, James Atkins, Chanda Cooper
Monique Walters

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for December 11, 2012 were approved unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include page numbers for items 4 through 7, and to add the board vacancies from the Council agenda.

INTERVIEWS

Board of Zoning Appeals-1; one application was received from Sheldon L. Cooke – Mr. Cooke was interviewed, and the Committee recommended him for reappointment to the board.

Employee Grievance Committee-2 –no applications were received for this committee.

DISCUSSION

Business Service Center Appeals Board-qualifications of recent appointments – the Committee recommended the recent appointees be contacted and informed that because they are not CPAs they do not meet that qualification required to serve on the board. Also for the two positions to be advertised.

Community Relations Council Appointments – Ms. Henri Baskins from the Community Relations Council, along with Ms. Karen Jenkins, Chair and Mr. Roscoe Wilson, member of the Relations Council attended to brief the Rules Committee on the changes that have been taking place with the CRC, and what they would like to see happen in regards to maximum and minimum number of required members.

The Committee recommended staff look for the ordinance that created and governs the CRC and bring back preferably to the next Committee meeting, but by no later than the first meeting in March.

If the number of applicants for a Richland County Board or committee exceeds the number of available positions there will be no interviews of those applicants. The reason for this motion is that after the Rules & Appointments Committee takes the time to interview applicants and make recommendation to full council based on that interview, council members who supported someone else not chosen request an individual vote for political reasons rather than the needs of the committee they applied for. It becomes a waste of the applicants' time to be interviewed and the committee's time if this is the process preferred. [MALINOWSKI –this item was deferred in Committee until after the first meeting following the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee appointments.

Dissolve the Richland County Appearance Commission and amend the Richland County Conservation Commission's responsibilities to include appearance. This motion is based on 1. overlapping areas of responsibilities under enabling ordinances for each Commission and the Richland County Strategic Plan, 2. availability of funding needed to support similar and/or duplicative projects and 3. difficulties maintaining membership in the Appearance Commission [PEARCE and MANNING] – this item was kept in Committee for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:57 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Monique Walters

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Item# 2

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January 4, 2013

The Honorable Kelvin Washington
Chairman, Richland County Council
553 Adams Scott Road
Gadsden, SC 29052

Dear Chairman Washington:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) Board of Directors has three (3) vacant seats designated for Richland County. The County's current appointees are as follows:

1. Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson (elected official)
2. Councilman Norman Jackson (elected official)
3. Councilman Paul Livingston (elected official)
4. Councilman Kelvin Washington (elected official)

5. Kendall Corley (citizen appointee)
6. Chip Harriford (citizen appointee)
7. Clarence Hill (citizen appointee)
8. Moryah Jackson (citizen appointee)
9. Anthony Mizzell (citizen appointee)

Enclosed is the current formula for CMCOG board representation. CMCOG has to comply with the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Board composition requirements for the region. Please note that at least two (2) of the vacant seats have to be filled by elected officials.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 744-5138 or bmauldin@cmcog.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benji J. Mauldin".

Benjamin J. Mauldin
Interim Executive Director

BJM/fca

Enclosure

CC: Tony McDonald
Michelle Onley

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Central Midlands Council of Governments
CURRENT FORMULA FOR CMCOG BOARD REPRESENTATION

Member Governments*		Elected Official(s)	Citizen ¹ Appointee(s)	Total	Minority ² Commitment
1	FAIRFIELD COUNTY	1	2	3	2
2	Winnsboro	1	0	1	0
3	LEXINGTON COUNTY	6	5	11	2
4	Batesburg-Leesville	1	0	1	0
5	Cayce	1	0	1	0
6	Irmo	1	0	1	0
7	Lexington	1	0	1	0
8	Springdale	1	0	1	0
9	West Columbia	1	0	1	0
10	NEWBERRY COUNTY	1	2	3	2
11	Newberry	1	0	1	0
12	RICHLAND COUNTY	6	6	12	6
13	Columbia	3	4	7	3
14	Forest Acres	1	0	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairfield Co. Legislative Delegation	1	0	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lexington Co. Legislative Delegation	1	0	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newberry Co. Legislative Delegation	1	0	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richland Co. Legislative Delegation	1	0	1	0
TOTALS		30	19	49	15

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¹ Citizen slots may be filled by elected officials.

² Minority representatives may be a member of the governing body or a citizen appointee. Jurisdictions with more than one member must appoint at least a minimum designated number of minorities.

All COGs must have a representative with voting power from each county legislative delegation in its region.

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[PEARCE and MANNING] [FIRST READING] [PAGES 213-216]

Purpose

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. ___-13HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE VII, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; SO AS TO ABOLISH THE APPEARANCE COMMISSION AND TO AMEND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO INCLUDE APPEARANCE.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. The Richland County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions And Committees; Section 2-332, Boards, Commissions And Committees; Subsection (H), Richland County Conservation Commission; Paragraph (6), Purposes And Objectives; is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (6) *Purposes and Objectives.* The purposes and objectives of the Richland County Conservation Commission shall be as follows:
- a. To promote the conservation of natural resources;
 - b. To promote the development and preservation of historical resources;
 - c. To promote passive, outdoor, nature- based recreation;
 - d. To promote tourism, emphasizing the natural, cultural, and historical resources of Richland County;
 - e. To promote efforts to improve the appearance of Richland County;
 - ef. To educate the public as to the benefits of conservation;
 - fg. To undertake such studies, plans, activities, and projects as may, from time to time, be assigned to the Commission by the County Council.

SECTION II. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-332, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Subsection (i), Richland County Appearance Commission; is hereby amended to read as follows:

- i. *Richland County Appearance Commission. Reserved.*

- ~~(1) *Creation.* There is hereby created a Richland County Appearance Commission which shall be a permanent county commission, appointed in whole by the county council.~~
- ~~(2) *Membership.* The Richland County Appearance Commission shall consist of at least 11 members who are individually appointed by the representing councilperson to represent each council district. Additionally, two members shall be appointed at-large by majority vote of the full council, for a maximum number of 13 commission members. At least one member of the commission must be a landscape architect and one member must be a horticulturist, and the other members being interested citizens residing in Richland County. Appropriate representatives from the South Carolina Department of Transportation, City of Columbia, and the county will serve as ex-officio members.~~
- ~~(3) *Purpose.* The Richland County Appearance Commission will seek to improve and enhance the overall appearance of Richland County. Responsibilities include:~~
- ~~a. To identify and work with municipalities, state agencies, and interested organizations to coordinate and collaborate in improving the appearance of Richland County.~~
 - ~~b. To make a recommendation to the county council, no later than June 1, 1999, as to the implementation of the Landscaping Investment and Major Boulevards Plan (LIMB) approved by county council.~~
 - ~~c. To undertake the development and implementation of a five-year overall beautification plan to complement and expand upon the LIMB Plan. This five-year plan will address long-term efforts to improve the appearance and natural beauty of the county and will include appearance standards and principles.~~
 - ~~d. To develop a maintenance plan for the above LIMB Plan and five-year plan.~~
 - ~~e. To identify outside public and/or private funding sources for beautification and recommend to council grant opportunities and if needed, county funding, for the beautification efforts.~~
- ~~(4) *Terms of members; election of officers; and meetings.*~~
- ~~a. An at-large Commission member shall serve a term of four years or until his or her successor is appointed. The term of a member of the Commission individually appointed by a Council member shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing Council member. Provided, however, that if a vacancy shall occur on Council, the member of the Commission appointed by the vacating Council member shall complete his or her term.~~

~~b. The commission shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.~~

~~e. The commission shall meet at such times and places as determined by the chairman, but shall hold at least one meeting each quarter. The county administrator shall assign staff to assist the commission in making its recommendations to county council. All meetings of the commission shall be conducted in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.~~

~~(5) By laws. The commission shall adopt by laws by which meetings and activities of the commission will be conducted. Such by laws shall not conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, the general and permanent statutes of the State of South Carolina, and Richland County ordinances.~~

SECTION III. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION IV. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after _____, 2013.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: _____
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr., Chair

ATTEST THIS THE _____ DAY

OF _____, 2013.

Michelle M. Onley
Clerk of Council

First Reading: February 5, 2013 (tentative)
Second Reading:
Third Reading: