



Richland County Council  
Rules and Appointments Committee  
March 3, 2020 – 4:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

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

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. February 18, 2020 – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski stated in the minutes, which were just approved, a legal opinion was requested on applicants from the City of Columbia being barred from appointment to certain committees (i.e. Community Relations Council). The reason being that the Community Relations Council is a committee where the City appoints so many people, and the County appoints so many people. So, if a person that lives within Richland County, even though they are a City resident, applies through the County it is like the City has more representation than the County. This also applies to the Planning Commission, which acts totally on properties within the unincorporated Richland County.

Ms. McLean responded there may be a case where the County and City are both appointing residents to a board. In any other instances, she does not think there is a legal means to exempt residents from serving because our ordinance says, “Richland County residents can apply”, which would include people in the municipalities.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Newton moved to amend the agenda to take up Item 7(f): “The CMRTA (COMET) board has two vacancies. I move that Richland County Council appoints one Councilmember to the board and advertises the remaining vacancy.” The motion died for lack of a second.

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

4. **INTERVIEWS**

- a. Planning Commission – Ms. Beverly Diane Frierson, Mr. Terrence J. Taylor, Sr., Mr. Richard Hitchler, Mr. Bryan Grady and Ms. Martina Moorer were interviewed.

**Rules and Appointments Committee  
March 3, 2020**

5. **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Planning Commission – Ms. Newton moved to appoint Ann Thomason and Bryan Grady. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to appoint Ms. Beverly Diane Frierson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to appoint Mr. Terrence J. Taylor, Sr. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to appoint Mr. Bryan Grady. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**

- a. 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)
- b. Hospitality Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (Two applicants must be from the Restaurant Industry)
- c. Employee Grievance Committee – Eight (8) Vacancies (Must be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates)
- d. Board of Assessment Appeals – Six (6) Vacancies
- e. Board of Zoning Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
- f. 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 Electrical Industry and Two from the Fire Industry as alternates)
- g. Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies – (One applicant must be from the public procurement arena & one applicant must be from the consumer industry)
- h. Internal Audit Committee – Two (2) Vacancies (applicant with CPA preferred)
- i. Community Relations Council – Six (6) Vacancies
- j. Historic Columbia – One (1) Vacancy
- k. River Alliance – One (1) Vacancy
- l. Music Festival – Two (2) Vacancies
- m. LRADAC – One (1) Vacancy
- n. Central Midlands Council of Governments – Three (3) Vacancies
- o. CMRTA – Two (2) Vacancies

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to advertise or re-advertise for the vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- 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] – This item was held in committee.
- b. Boards, Committee and Commissions Descriptions and Duties [NEWTON] – Ms. Roberts is currently working on this item.
- c. 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] – This item was held in committee.
- d. In my continued decade long battle for accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, I move that all County Council standing committees, ad hoc committees and one time/short term committee meetings be held in Council Chambers, as is the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee, with votes recorded in like fashion [MANNING] – Mr. Malinowski stated he does not know if this will work because there are some committee meetings that overlap. In addition, Chambers is utilized by other County departments for meetings and training; therefore, Chambers may not always be available for meetings.

Ms. Newton stated she would suggest that we evaluate it on a case-by-case basis.

This item will be placed on the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.

- e. Consider moving the Horizon meeting to Tuesday and have delivery of finished agendas to Council members by Thursday close of business [MALINOWSKI, McBRIDE, MYERS, NEWTON, and TERRACIO] – Mr. Malinowski stated there has been some discussion about moving the Horizon meeting to Monday and have the agenda delivered on Wednesday.

Ms. Roberts stated the Clerk’s Office has met with Ms. Ashiya Myers, who coordinates Administration’s briefing document submissions, and there would have be a change to Council Rules.

Ms. Onley stated when there are back-to-back Council meetings this would cause a delay in having the minutes ready for approval in time for the next Council meeting.

This item will be placed on the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.

- f. The CMRTA (COMET) board has two vacancies. I move that Richland County Council appoints one Councilmember to the board and advertises the remaining vacancy [NEWTON, LIVINGSTON and DICKERSON] – Mr. Malinowski requested the current requirements for the board.

Ms. Newton stated Mr. Farrar provided the requirements to her, and she can provide it to the committee members. In essence, we are required to appoint the people, but does not dictate the

makeup of the County's appointees (i.e. Councilmembers/residents).

This item will be placed on the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:11 PM