



Richland County Council  
Rules and Appointments Committee  
June 5, 2018 – 4:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair; Yvonne McBride, Norman Jackson and Gwen Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kimberly Williams-Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. May 15, 2018 – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

4. **INTERVIEWS**

a. Board of Zoning Appeals – 2

Mr. William C. Simon, Jr., Mr. Jason Branham and Mr. Frazier Ben Beatty were interviewed for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to appoint Mr. William C. Simon, Jr. and Mr. Jason Branham. The vote was in favor.

b. Board of Assessment Appeals – 2

Mr. Eric Grant and Ms. Beverly B. Jacobs were interviewed for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to re-appoint Mr. Eric Grant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to re-advertise for the remaining vacancy. The motion failed.

Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to forward the remaining vacancy to Council without a

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recommendation. The motion failed.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. Move that the Rules & Appointments Committee review the current County Council Rules and offer amendments for consideration by Council that would clarify exactly how County Council voting will occur with specific reference to how a non-vote (i.e. not a “yes”, “no” or “abstain” vote) from a member present at the meeting shall be counted or not counted [PEARCE] – Mr. Malinowski stated the proposed language from Mr. Farrar is as follows: Each member shall vote on each question put. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in which that member has a direct personal or pecuniary interest, or in which that member perceives that he or she has a direct personal or pecuniary interest, or in which his or her participation might create an appearance of impropriety in that member’s estimation. A Council member must be at his/her seat in order to vote for those at the dais. If a member does not declare a vote or an abstention, *such member shall not be considered to have voted for either the prevailing or for the non-prevailing side, but instead shall not have his or her vote recorded at all on the question put.*

Mr. Malinowski stated we are changing is so we do not go around with prevailing side, not prevailing side. If you do not vote, you do not vote. It does not count. You are on nobody’s side. The vote stands as it is. If it is a tie vote, it fails.

Ms. McBride stated, for clarification, that Mr. Rose was not at his seat during a meeting and he was allowed to vote.

Mr. Malinowski stated that was a Special Called Meeting. Our rules say you can call in to a Special Called Meeting.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he thinks when you vote other people should not have to see if you vote, just the results.

Mr. Malinowski stated Mr. N. Jackson’s concern will have to come back as a separate motion.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 PM