



Richland County Council  
Rules and Appointments Committee  
March 20, 2018 – 4:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Kimberly Williams-Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. March 6, 2018 – Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski stated the agenda should notate there are 3 appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Mr. Malinowski stated in speaking with Ms. Roberts it was determined there was an individual, Mr. Michael Spearman, that made application on time and properly, but he was left off of the interviews because he is coming off his second term. Under the new terms we have he would have to sit out a year; however, if you take a look at tonight's agenda. While this was approved as a rule change, it was determined it needed to be an ordinance change. An ordinance needs 3 readings and a public hearing. Legal recommended rather than have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading tonight since it had been over 2 years since the rule change, we are starting with 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and the recommendation of the Rules and Appointments Committee. Mr. Spearman saw the proposed change; therefore, he felt that he was coming in under the current ordinance, which means he stays off a day and is then eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Malinowski stated he agrees with Mr. Spearman and feels that he should be on the list of applicants. He stated Ms. Roberts has not been able to get in touch with Mr. Spearman to set up an interview, but it is his understanding that he had some family matters he had to attend to. His suggestion would be to defer appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals until Mr. Spearman can be interviewed at the next Rules and Appointments Committee.

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4. **INTERVIEWS**

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – 3 – Mr. Peyton Bryant, Ms. Terry Curry King, Mr. Cody Pressley, and Mr. Charles Barkley were interviewed for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

5. **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded Ms. Yvonne, to add Mr. Michael Spearman to the applicant list for Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Spearman must be interviewed no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

Electronic Voting Rule – Mr. Malinowski stated the proposed rule is as follows: “Voting shall be by electronic means (i.e., via the electronic voting system) unless conditions at the time of a given vote do not permit use of the electronic voting system (e.g., it is inoperable, not working properly, there is a power failure or other condition prohibiting electronic voting). In such a case, voting by a show of hands shall be in order. Also, nothing in this rule prohibits a voice vote or vote by show of hands for matters where there reasonably appears to be no opposition, such as a vote to adjourn, or a vote for unanimous consent to issue a resolution in honor of a citizen, group, achievement or the like; provided, however, that any member may call for an electronic vote on any matter for which a vote is required or called for, if any member shall feel that a voice vote or vote by show of hands is not sufficient; further provided that the electronic voting system is operable at the time of the call for an electronic vote. Votes shall be recorded in the minutes.”

Ms. Kennedy moved, second by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval.

Ms. McBride inquired if this is for any voting that takes place in Chambers.

Mr. Malinowski stated it is understood it is Chambers since that is the only place we have electronic voting.

Ms. McBride inquired if there is a work session does this rule apply.

Mr. Malinowski stated there are no votes taken in work session.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:48 PM