



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
November 16, 2021 – 4:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, Gretchen Barron, Jessica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Michelle Onley, Tamar Black, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Justin Landy, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Lori Thomas, Ashiya Myers, Randy Pruitt, Stacey Hamm, Dwight Hanna, Steven Gaither and Dale Welch

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to adopt the agenda as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. **Boards, Committees and Commissions Recruitment**

1. Direct the Rules Committee to determine which Richland County Boards, Committees and Commissions should have as a qualification that the person applying must reside in the unincorporated area of Richland County only. There are some of these positions where other municipalities appoint individual and if a person applying for one of those positions resides in that municipality then they should make application through them [Malinowski – October 6, 2020] – Ms. Barron stated she was not in favor of the seven that were presented at the previous meeting. She reiterated her previous statements regarding citizens that live in the City of Columbia, but have a business in Richland County should still have the opportunity to serve on any board, they would just have two opportunities to apply.

Mr. Malinowski stated it is like giving people “two bites of the apple” being that they could be

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appointed to two hospitality tax committees and vote to have them both committees spend taxes on the same item.

Ms. Mackey stated it was the responsibility of the committee to vet. She noted if someone was already serving on the City's Hospitality Committee the County should not select them. She stated it was part of the committee application process to decide who makes the best candidate.

Ms. Terracio stated some of her constituents have the benefit of having a City Councilmember, two at-large members, herself, a State House member, and a State Senator, and they should have a say in the business of the County.

Ms. Barron noted the Community Relations Council members could be appointed by the County, the City, CRC or the Chamber of Commerce. She stated, if CRC or the Chamber wanted to appoint someone from Richland County they could do so. While the City and County seats require residency in their respective municipalities. She noted, if the City seats were filled, the applicant should still have a chance to apply with the County.

Mr. Malinowski stated the CRC rule states that Richland County appoints 10 of the 30. The City and the Chamber of Commerce appoint the remaining 20. If the County appoints two (2) from the City, the City would have 22 of the 30. He does not believe that is fair.

Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to recommend all boards, commissions and committees remain "as is" and not change the process.

In Favor: Barron and Mackey

Opposed: Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

2. Based on the fact the Planning Commission makes decisions that affect unincorporated Richland County only, members assigned must reside in unincorporated Richland County [Malinowski – September 21, 2021] – Ms. Mackey moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to continue appointing to the Planning Commission as stated in the current ordinance.

In Favor: Barron and Mackey

Opposed: Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

- b. **Boards, Commission and Committee Descriptions** – Ms. Mackey inquired if the descriptions were shared with all the Boards, Commissions and Committees leaders to confirm the information was correct.

Ms. Onley responded she had only shared it with the committee members.

Ms. Mackey stated she would like the leaders to see their descriptions prior to Council approval. She inquired when the next round of advertisements were as she would like the updated descriptions to be available by then.

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Ms. Onley responded the next advertisement would be in February, and she would like to have Council approval prior to the vacancies going to committee.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to keep this item in committee to allow the Clerk's Office to reach out to the boards, commission, and committee to ensure complete and accurate information is provided. The leaders' responses should be received by January 3rd, so it can be formatted and disseminated to Council for additional input. Council's input should be received by January 24th. The updated descriptions will be taken up by the committee and full Council at the February 8, 2022 meetings.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:16 PM.