



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
April 3, 2018 – 4:00 PM
4th 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 4:02 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. March 20, 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. N. Jackson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. N. Jackson stated several months ago we had someone for the CMRTA. We were asked to postpone it. It has been over six months now. Richland County is without anyone on the CMRTA.

Mr. Malinowski stated that is Item 6(a) on the agenda.

4. **INTERVIEWS**
 - a. Board of Zoning Appeals – 3 – Mr. Mike Spearman was interviewed for the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - b. Central Midlands Council of Governments – 3 – Mr. Jerry T. Mitchell, Mr. John K. Baxter, Ms. Toneka M. Green and Ms. Shealy Boland Reibold were interviewed for the Central Midlands Council of Governments. Mr. Howard M. Knapp withdrew his application from consideration.

5. **APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. Board of Zoning Appeals – 3 – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded Ms. Kennedy, to re-appoint Mr. Mike Spearman, appoint Mr. Cody Pressley and re-advertise for the remaining vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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- b. Central Midlands Council of Governments – 3 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson to appoint Mr. John K. Baxter, Ms. Shealy Boland Reibold and Mr. Charles L. Appleby, III. The vote was in favor.

6. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority – 1 – Mr. Malinowski stated this item is here because we need to advertise. However, prior to advertising, we need to put in the qualifications that are going to exist. To get the qualifications there full Council has to approve qualifications.

Mr. N. Jackson stated that is where we have a problem because the other entities do not set qualifications for them. So, why all of a sudden are we going to have special qualifications for someone on the CMRTA? He stated we advertised the position, someone applied for it, and we interviewed the person. We were moving forward to appoint that person and the Chairwoman came and said to hold off on the appointment.

Mr. Malinowski stated we need someone with expertise or qualifications in transportation.

Mr. N. Jackson stated most transportation experts are from SCDOT.

Ms. McBride inquired if that was a part of the qualifications.

Mr. N. Jackson stated the Chair wants to add that as a requirement.

Ms. Kennedy stated the Chair cannot add that unless Council decides.

Mr. N. Jackson stated the Chair should have made a motion to change the qualifications.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Ms. Roberts was forwarded the proposed qualifications.

Ms. Roberts stated the Chair did provide the qualifications.

Mr. N. Jackson stated the Chair needs to make a motion and then it come through the Rules Committee, but we should not wait on the motion before moving forward. If another position becomes available then we can fill it.

Ms. McBride inquired if the Chair can make the motion to the committee.

Mr. Malinowski stated the motion has to be on the Council agenda for it to be forwarded to committee.

Mr. N. Jackson stated we need to move forward with the person we recommended.

Ms. Roberts stated the committee did not interview the applicant. We were supposed to, but it came up not to because we wanted to re-advertise.

Mr. Malinowski stated he thought he asked the Clerk's Office to make a call to the applicant and extend an apology, but we did not realize there were going to be some qualifications being implemented and once they are we will let you know.

The committee recommended moving forward with the advertising or notification of this vacancy. If there are some qualifications desired to be put into the particular board position, it needs to be done as a motion to the full Council.

Ms. Kennedy stated we need to do the qualifications first and then advertise.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he would not do that.

Mr. Malinowski stated that is how Mike Spearman came in. He came in on the fact that we were changing our ordinance. We failed to make it an ordinance change instead of a rule change. Mr. Spearman said it is not an ordinance yet, so he was under the old rule and therefore, eligible to re-apply. We have the same thing here. We do not have any wording for qualifications in the notification of vacancy; therefore, we can say the committee has two recommendations on this. The first one is to move forward with the advertising.

Mr. N. Jackson stated he would not address the second one. The Chair needs to make a motion regarding the other issue.

Mr. Malinowski stated if Chairs says something about the qualifications, he will inform her the committee believes she needs to make a motion to the full Council.

Ms. Kennedy inquired as to why is has to be the Chair.

Mr. Malinowski stated she is the one that came up with the qualifications.

Ms. McBride inquired as to what the first motion is.

Mr. Malinowski stated we are only doing one motion. He inquired about how many vacancies there are and when the vacancy posting closed.

Ms. Roberts stated the closing date was January 22nd. There is still just the one applicant for the vacancy.

Mr. Malinowski stated then we need to move forward with an interview of the applicant for the position.

Ms. McBride stated for clarification we are disregarding advertising and the pending qualifications.

Mr. Malinowski stated the motion is that the notification of vacancy time period has closed; therefore, the committee is going to interview any applicants that have submitted their applications.

Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to interview the existing applicant on April 17th. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:01 PM