

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the Personnel Committee was held at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bettelli and Thomas, Chair Piening, City Administrator Tucker, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. There was a quorum present to conduct business.

1. Chair Piening called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7 as submitted; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. **Old Business**

Discussion of Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Chair Piening noted that included in the meeting packets were the applications and interviews of new candidates, as well as the candidate pool. Additionally, the packet included a list of current boards and commissions members that indicated in red the members whose terms expire at the end of the year; the Chair announced that appointees whose terms expire have all expressed a desire to be re-appointed.

Councilmember Bettelli noted that he was always encouraged to see the number of residents who were willing and interested in serving their community; he indicated that some of the applicants have been in the candidate pool for several years.

Chair Piening agreed and voiced his opinion that the terms on City boards and commissions should not go on for decades, because new appointees not only encourage citizen participation, but also bring "new blood and new thoughts."

The Chair commented that the Committee had not received the responses to the interview questions from Mr. Doherty who was leaving the country for a month-long vacation. Clerk Copeland reported that Janet and David Somers had not responded to an email request for written responses to the interview questions, and Administrator Tucker noted that Jim Owens did not pick up the application form he had requested.

Administrator Tucker reviewed the remaining timeline for making recommendations to City Council on filling the openings on boards and commissions; the November Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 and the December Council meeting, where the recommendations are made, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7. The Administrator noted that the Committee is not under any time constraints at this Committee meeting.

Councilmember Bettelli asked whether Committee members or staff were aware of any attendance issues for board or commission members who wanted to be re-appointed. No one knew of any problems with attendance over the past nine (9) months.

Chair Piening commented that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAX) had four (4) seats expiring.

MOTION: Chair Piening moved to recommend re-appointing Jimmy Ward and Malcolm Burgis and appointing Jim Raih and Tim Ahmuty to fill expiring seats on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Administrator Tucker reminded the Committee that appointees to the available positions on ATAX must represent areas of the hospitality industry; by reappointing Mr. Ward and Mr. Burgis, appointees would need to represent "Hospitality – Lodging" and "Hospitality-Other."

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Bettelli amended the motion to reappoint Jimmy Carroll and David Nelson, as well as Mr. Ward and Mr. Burgis to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee; Chair Piening seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrator Tucker reviewed the ATAX seats with applicable designations as follows:

Malcolm Burgis – Hospitality Other	Jimmy Carroll – Hospitality Lodging
Rick Linville – Hospitality Lodging	Margaret Miller – At-large
David Nelson – Hospitality Other	Sandy Ferencz – At-large
Jimmy Ward – Cultural	

The Administrator added that, due to the amount of accommodations taxes generated by the Wild Dunes area, the City has had an unwritten policy to include representation from the Wild Dunes organization.

Moving on to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BoZA), Chair Piening pointed out that Frances Anderson was completing her first term and that, typically, persons would be allowed to serve a second term. Councilmember Bettelli noted that BoZA is a quasi-judicial board and an intimate knowledge of the City's building and zoning codes is required.

MOTION: Chair Piening moved to re-appoint Frances Anderson and to appoint Scott Davidson to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Councilmember Thomas seconded.

The Chair stated that Mr. Davidson had appeared to be a very smart person and very interested in serving when he was interviewed last year.

Councilmember Bettelli commented that Guy Taylor had chaired the Committee for years, has a good perspective and is knowledgeable of the City codes. Based on Mr. Taylor's expertise, Councilmember Bettelli stated that he would like to see him re-appointed.

VOTE: The motion **PASSED** on a vote of 2 to 1; Councilmember Bettelli cast the negative vote.

MOTION: Chair Piening moved to re-appoint Robert Abel and Bill Burson to the Code Board of Appeals; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

For the Planning Commission, Chair Piening suggested following the same logic as earlier and re-appointing members who have served only one (1) term.

MOTION: Chair Piening moved to re-appoint Bev Ballow and David Cohen and to appoint Lisa Safford and Carolyn Holscher.

Councilmember Bettelli expressed interest in appointing Donald Smith, who has been in the candidate pool for several years, to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Bettelli said that Mr. Smith was a past president of the Wild Dunes Community Association and has record of serving the island.

Chair Piening withdrew his motion and deferred making appointments to the Planning Commission to the November meeting. Clerk Copeland was asked to look into the files from previous years' applications for more information from Mr. Davidson.

5. New Business – None

6. Miscellaneous Business

Drawing for September Fitness Miles Winner

Councilmember Thomas drew Kerrie Ferrell to be the September winner.

Next Meeting Date: 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Public Safety Building.

7. Executive Session – not necessary

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Piening moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk