

**City of Country Club Hills
Special Council Meeting
Minutes December 12, 2017**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford at 7:09

2. Roll Call:

- a. Alderman Lockett
- b. Alderman Davis
- c. Alderman Glispie Absent
- d. Alderman Evans
- e. Alderman Spivey
- f. Mayor Ford
- g. Linda Braun

Recording Secretary

3. Discussion/Presentation –Legislative Council

Presentation by Michael Childers began by stating he works in a small firm in Chicago, Childers & Windham. He is a litigation attorney and was appointed to work in Dixmoor; they had a lot of issues, contract negotiations with unions. The other municipal experience he had is on the Finance end, he was the Director of Finance for Maywood.

He asked for questions, and Alderman Lockett asked what type of rates he charged and Mr. Childers answered \$155.00 per hour for Governmental work.

Ald Evans asked if besides Dixmoor he worked at any other Municipalities his answer was not at this time.

Ald Davis asked if he was still in Dixmoor and was told no. He said with the change of administration they changed attorneys, he thought Judge Stutley is there now.

Ald Evans asked what the CPA “Big Six”, he answered at the time the accounting industry was dominated by 8 then six major firms.

Ald Lockett asked how long he has been practicing he answered 25 years.

Ald Spivey asked if had ever worked as a Legislative Council and he said no.

Ald Lockett questioned the attorney who had presented earlier who was in the audience once again about their rates.

Ald Lockett said we are looking at a difference of \$195 vs. \$155.00. The attorney who was from Del Galdo Law Firm said that Mr. Del Galdo made a statement that when we come into a community we look at the rates of their current charge, their standard rate is \$195 but they will typically come in at the rate of the person they are replacing. She would have to talk to her boss about that so right now she must say \$195. There was a discussion about Stutley’s rate; Alderman Evans said \$250, and John Murphey’s \$225.

Ald Davis then made a general statement that the reason they hire a Legislative Attorney is to have someone they are comfortable with and whether they call John Murphey or another attorney, the same pool of money, he would call one or the other. He said John Murphey pretty much works with the Mayor and he thinks the council needs their own attorney.

Ald Spivey then added he feels it is important to have a Legislative Attorney.

4. Consideration/Approval-

Alderman Davis made a motion to appoint Del Galdo Group as our Legislative Council, second by Alderman Spivey.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderman Lockett – No

Alderman Davis -Yes

Alderman Evans - Yes

Alderman Spivey - Yes

Mayor Ford said the Motion carries and The Del Galdo Law Firm is elected attorney for the Alderman.

5. Public Portion of Meeting-Ald Lockett made a motion to open the floor to the public, second Ald Evans
Leora Bell commented it doesn't matter what I say now.
Ald Lockett made a motion to close the floor to the public, second Ald Davis
6. Adjournment- Alderman Lockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Ald Evans
7. All those in favor answered aye, motion carried Meeting adjourned at 7:25

Minutes respectively submitted by Linda Braun