

SPECIAL MEETING

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Committee of the Whole

MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2023

6:06 PM

Mayor Rockingham, Jr., called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Coleman, Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF DJK (DAVID KILBANE) CONSULTING AGREEMENT:

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to allow Alderman Coleman (due to work) & Alderman Murphy (due to illness) remote participation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: January

Abstain: Coleman, Murphy

Alderman Evans questioned the time of renewed consulting agreement. The Mayor explained (6) months (until December), also month to month if a Chief of Staff was found prior; the amount was **\$1,800** per week.

Alderman Coleman asked if a Chief of Staff was needed; the Mayor strongly stated absolutely; Chief of Staff works with Department Heads who report directly to him, it was “vitally needed”. Alderman Coleman calculated that Mr. Kilbane would get **\$93,000** if for a year and does the City have the money; Mayor Rockingham felt it was a bargain. Although it was in contract for **20** hours Mr. Kilbane exceeds the hours, he would be in person, Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Kilbane expressed that his intention was Monday and Tuesday in the office; most of work done offsite. Closer to **24** in office and **4-10** hrs. offsite and available **24/7** via cell phone; currently working **50-60+** hours, it would be 30-40 hours but would allow flexibility.

Alderman Coleman asked if Mr. Kilbane could place his expectation for the record since contract reflected **20** hours; Mr. Kilbane referred to understanding the hard questions. Alderman Coleman questioned if Mr. Kilbane could effective working part-time; Mr. Kilbane clarified he was always accessible to the Aldermen in office and offsite. He could find efficiencies; don't prefer to micro-manage; a full-time Chief of Staff position was needed and should continue searching; better reports from the Department Heads and attempting to assist with better decisions.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.