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Councilor Flynn's Statement on Today's Special Emergency Council Meeting

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It was disappointing to see the way the Special Emergency Council Meeting was conducted regarding the administration's Property Tax Classification proposal today.

I am disappointed at the rush by some of my Council colleagues to adjourn the meeting less than 10 minutes after the meeting began - without any intent on having a discussion. There were valid questions at hand - regarding process, procedure, public testimony, next steps - and the urgency to end the meeting and shut down the conversation before these questions could be answered, only led to more confusion.

As Elected Officials and a legislative body, we have to have a transparent process. We should be able to ask questions and get the clarity we need before moving on. We need to engage in conversation and thoughtful debate.

Unfortunately, the actions of this administration and some of my colleagues of late give the impression of a leadership style that has little room for questions, participation, debate, and dissent. It is important to remember that as a body, our function - no matter how tight deadlines are - is to hold accountable the Executive Branch and represent our constituents.