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Questions were brought forwarded by representatives of the first, second and third taxing districts.

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A discussion ensued and Mr. Mednick noted that the reason for this meeting was to respect the autonomy of the taxing districts. He added that the earlier they can determine the legal ability to change the structure the better off they will be. He encouraged all taxing districts to talk to their attorneys.

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Mr. Mednick asked to hear from each district's legal counsel as soon as possible.

Mr. Burnett suggested calling the Roll for historical purposes.

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A:	Mr. Jalin Sead
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There were eleven (11) Common Councilmembers present and four (4) absent (Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Lopez, Ms. Ayers and Mr. Wiggins).

Also present were City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Attorney Steven Melnick.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion and the workshop closed at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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