
City surveillance footage posted on social media

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Susan,

I am writing to formally request clarification and accountability regarding a matter involving access to city surveillance footage connected to an alleged altercation on August 15, 2023.

To summarize the timeline of events:

- On 08/15/2023, after the council meeting, I was standing in the foyer when Councilmember Eileen George approached me demanding an apology for mentioning her name during the meeting. No altercation occurred.
- On 08/17/2023, I received an email and phone call from reporter Andy Cordan (Channel 2 News) stating he had received multiple notifications about an alleged physical altercation between myself and another council member.
- That same day, 08/17/2023, I submitted a public records request for the foyer surveillance video to demonstrate that no altercation took place and that the interaction was initiated by Councilwoman George. My request was denied under TCA 10-7-504(m)(1)(E).
- Following that denial, I engaged in multiple email exchanges with your office, including Assistant City Attorney Leticia Alexander, and each time the same statutory citation was used to deny access.
- I then contacted the Office of Open Records Counsel, received their guidance, and forwarded it to your office. Despite this, the video was still withheld.
- On 09/01/2023, my legal counsel submitted a formal request for the same video, which was again denied.
- On 05/15/2026, Councilmember Eileen George publicly posted on social media a still image that appears to be taken directly from the same surveillance footage I was repeatedly denied access to.

Given this sequence of events, I am requesting the following:

1. An explanation of how and why Former Councilwoman Eileen George obtained access to surveillance footage that I, as the subject of the alleged incident, was denied.
2. Identification of the individual(s) who authorized or facilitated her access.
3. A formal investigation into whether city policy, state law, or ethical standards were violated in the handling of this footage.
4. A written response outlining the steps your office will take to ensure accountability and prevent similar discrepancies in the future.

The disparity between the repeated denials I received and the release of the footage to a councilmember directly involved in the incident raises serious concerns about fairness, transparency, and compliance with Tennessee public records law.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and request a written response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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