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Subject: Public Comment: Issues with the city council approved video retention policy

HI all,

Shorter this time. Administrative issues that need to be addressed.

Lee

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Why does the city not follow City Council meeting videos retention policy?

Working through all of the city council meeting videos for FY24-25 and Fy25-26 I discovered that there are no city council meeting videos before November 19, 2024. I started a search for the city policy on video retention.

The City Council on February 6 approved amendment to extend records retention policy for meeting videos from one year to three years. Based on that 13 months of videos are missing, why?

The search for insight uncovered **yet another gap in the city's implementation of policies**. **The City Meetings TV section of the city website under "Viewing Meetings Online" states the city policy is to retain videos for one year from date of meeting.**

1. Is Resolution 6572-2024 still the City's governing video retention policy?
2. Why are meeting recordings from February through November 2024 apparently unavailable on the City's website?
3. Are those recordings still in the City's possession, and can they be restored to public access?