

From: [Donnie Funk](#)
To: [Trisha Fowler Arcuri](#)
Subject: Fwd: Camera angle...still
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 8:48:54 AM

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And..... queue crickets.

Sincerely,
The back of Chips head.

On Sat, Jun 6, 2026 at 07:24 <acombatmedic@gmail.com> wrote:

Why do I have to write this? The public faces are still not being shown during public testimony. ProTem Shields, is it the logos? It's the logos isn't it. I see at least 11 in this pic. Good steward of public resources and all that? City-produced video and all that? Mgr Dunning, Have you not had the chance to "check with your staff"? Is your direction to your staff still not clear? "*To clarify, my direction to the audio-visual staff on any camera angle change was for only the public comment portions of the meetings as reflected in my original memorandum*". Is your staff insubordinate? Does your staff not respect you? Is your staff trained? (Sunshine request on staff training). Is your direction not actually binding, but merely a suggestion open to discretion as your reply to me about

your March memo states? Is it “oopsies I must have forgotten all about it. I’ll really really address it this time!” Something else? Tell me. As a public servant I expect you to do the right thing. You have abdicated that responsibility out of professional weakness, intimidation or some other reason I don’t know. What inference am I to draw? This is public testimony we’re talking here, not comments. As a man I expect you to keep your word. If I ever renege on my word I expect you to call me out. People tell me you’re an honest player and a good guy. Will you commit to addressing it this time? Come on pal...what’s going on here? Anyone on the council want to step in here? Funk? Cravens? Mayor? No public faces at any time. Is that how you’re driving transparency and engagement? If you’re position, as an administration, is that you just can’t bring yourself to respect the public enough to show their face at any time when they redress their government, then own it and state it in council meeting.

On Mon, May 11, 2026 at 21:03 Mark Dunning <Mark.Dunning@cityofls.net> wrote:

Mr. Floyd,

Thank you for sending your concern(s) over and including me on the correspondence. To clarify, my direction to the audio-visual staff on any camera angle change was for only the public comment portions of the meetings as reflected in my original memorandum. If the camera angle has changed for public testimony during public hearings, I did not direct staff to make these changes. I am checking with our staff to make sure this is understood.

Thank you,

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From: acombatmedic@gmail.com <acombatmedic@gmail.com>
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Mark, got your address wrong the first time.

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Date: Mon, May 11, 2026 at 11:19 AM

Subject: Camera angle...still

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Cc: <zakalshawish@gmail.com>

Mayor, Council, City Mgr, (Zak is CC)

Regarding the camera angle during the entire council meeting...presently, Mr Dunning is removing the public faces not only during public comments, but also during public hearing testimony. As soon as a member of the public goes to the lectern, the front camera shuts off and the rear camera is on. When the public walks away, the front camera comes back on. What are you doing? Why are you conducting LS government this way? Lopez, Frazier, Funk, Cravens, Adkins- you all ran on transparency. Where is the transparency in hiding public faces?

Lopez - Why have you not instructed Dunning to turn the camera back on? Why have you not called for a vote either as Pro Tem or as Mayor?

Rader - you have come out in favor of re-activating the front camera. Thank you. Please call for a vote at next council meeting.

Prier - you have come out in favor of re-activating the front camera. Thank you. Please call for a vote at next council meeting. Why does this need to introduced to a committee for discussion?

Funk - you have told me that you do not have an opinion on this. I'm asking you again...what is your position?

Cravens - what is your position on this?

Adkins - what is your position on this?

Frazier - what is your position on this?

Shields - what is your position on this?

Hold a vote and be done with it. Just stop this.

Remember... this was supposedly a decision Dunning made all on his own back in March, with the complaints from "several of you" (see attached memo). This was done to shut down one citizen but the practice continues presently. Why? I will remind all of you that more "official city logos" are present with the rear camera that with the front, including the 2 superimposed on every city video and the giant LS logo above the mayor. So what are we doing? I can't make you answer me, but silence also speaks.

Dunning: do you still specifically require a council vote in order to direct your staff to switch camera angles?? Come on...

William Floyd

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Thank you

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From: [Donnie Funk](#)
To: [Trisha Fowler Arcuri](#)
Subject: Fwd: Halting the nonsense
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 8:49:57 AM

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I don't know if you read these emails. Either way this is a public record of communication.

Manager Dunning, I owe you a Hershey bar. I didn't buy enough and I made a promise, you'll get one. You stated in your memo "several council members" complained to you about the scary man being mean. There's only 8 members. I believe the "several" include Baird, Beto, Shields, Funk and Hodges. That's my informed opinion.

Baird: you're out, I get it. Thanks for your service. You punted this to the next council and mayor.

Hodges: you're out, I get it. Thanks for your service. I will work to repeal the Dunning-Hodges Something Act.

Lovell: you're out, I get it. Thanks for your service.

Funk: you could stay or go and may have to help resolve this nonsense.

Prier: you're staying and you will have to help resolve this nonsense.

Carlyle: you're staying and you will have to help resolve this nonsense.

Shields: you're staying and you will have to help resolve this nonsense.

Beto: you may be the next Mayor. If so, you need to check your city manager.

Thank Baird for the punt.

Rader: you may be the next Mayor. If so, you need to check your city manager. Thank Baird for the punt.

Again, this is not going away. The spotlight is on. Continuing to dig your heels in is just making it worse, by the day. You are public servants and officials. Your bar is higher than John Q Citizen, but of course you must know that. I want you and the City to succeed. I'd much rather use my time and resources for other productive civic endeavors. Let's all graduate the 7th grade today shall we? You can stop this behavior today. Dunning: you can stop this the second you finish reading this sentence. Up to you. Please feel free to forward this to the Law Dept. My mouth wrote a pretty big check last night and I intend to cash it. Days remaining in violation of the Dunning-Hodges Something Act - 741.

Sincerely,
Floyd (District 4 2028)

On Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 10:58 AM <acombatmedic@gmail.com> wrote:

All, but especially Mayor Baird, Council Lopez and Council Rader,

I posted the following on Lees Summit Updates FB page (maybe you read it, I dunno). It's fair that I send it to you all as it concerns all of us. The next Mayor will inherit this and each member is responsible for addressing it.

We only have 3 minutes every 2 weeks to address Council publicly, so we have to use forums like this to make our points. Cool. And also to email/call them personally which I have done and will do. To any public servants reading this: you really need to put a lid on this nonsense much sooner than later. I'm seeing lack of transparency from multiple "servants" (deliberate word). But that word does look good on door-hangers. Playing grab-ass with the first amendment and Sunshine laws is not a road you want to stay on. Just quit it. Recognize a citizens rights (uncomfortable but easy). Zak may be a bomb thrower, welcome to the public arena. If he has defamed you, litigate it. Easy. But now you have a Floyd in your game. I'd really rather have productive discussions around city business, but if you're gonna keep playing hide and seek, I'm gonna come looking. There will be new faces on April 8th, some will remain. Please don't force the council chamber to be an off-broadway theater. Just stop it. Ok please just stop it. I don't hate any of you. I promise to bring a Hershey bar for each council and manager Dunning tonight. Great American chocolate bar for great Americans. I keep my word.

Chip

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Thank you

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Thank you

From: [Donnie Funk](#)
To: [Trisha Fowler Arcuri](#)
Subject: Fwd: June 18 Rules meeting
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 8:47:54 AM

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Subject: Re: June 18 Rules meeting

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Committee,

I did catch the meeting after the fact and heard everyone. I don't think any comment from me during the meeting would have furthered the discussion. But I feel obligated to offer feedback since I'm the one that pushed the issue. It started with Zak but I've made more fuss about it. I know who is basically indifferent, who would like it reverted and who is opposed to changing it. I heard all of ya. I also realize this discussion will expand well beyond a camera angle. A word of caution (advice if you will) from a layman yet literate little citizen. A city charter does not trump statute and rules of decorum are not law, nor can rules or an ordinance (even with a notary seal and attorney signature) supercede civil liberties. I hope Mr Head steers your progress. I also realize that extremely, extremely very few people really care about this. City council comments are not the most effective campaign tool. I'd do much better making videos from my basement.(hmm). I may never speak at council again. It didn't even occur to me until I stumbled upon Zak's posts. Even worse, my "candidacy" for 2028 was just me making a point about those same civil liberties. I proudly admit that public comments (speaking for myself) are indeed performative. I have to decide what points I want to make, if they're relevant, research, script, revise, rehearse multiple times then edit for time. Print and print again in a font so I can see the damn thing. It must be

convincing, factual and passionate. Inflection, tone and pacing are important. Effective public speaking must be performative. Of course you know this having won elected office. It's my intent to knock it out of the park every time I speak. Otherwise what's the point? I'm not just gonna roll out of bed and stammer my way through it. Prepared statement?? I'd say so! Hearing that my comments are performative or grand-standing..well.. thank you! I even ironed my shirt with starch for the occasion. Who noticed? sigh. I do promise to make points so long as I feel points need to be made. I'm open to any dialogue any time. That's it.

P.S. As a partial defense to what one member commented on regarding the Comm Strategy portion... I read the entire PPT before council meeting, I also read and cross-researched probably 80% of the 70-odd page supplemental document. I spent more time on it than the actual length of the presentation. You could not have known that of course. You only saw the now-familiar back of my head as I walked out of the room for non-council reasons.

Chip

On Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 9:08 AM <acombatmedic@gmail.com> wrote:

All,

I have chosen not to attend the meeting. You will decide what you decide. Like I said in council, public comments are optional. Camera angle doesn't matter at that point, of course. Dunning has stated that public comments will continue however I don't have confidence he has the authority, capability or professional consistency to make that decision. Sorry pal, just calling strikes.

Anywho, video us from the back, up the nostrils, through frosted glass or from space.. your decision. So silly.

Occipitally yours,
Chip '28

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 19:52 <acombatmedic@gmail.com> wrote:

All, if you choose to do some homework ahead of the meeting:

Attached are

- Mr Dunning's March 2 memo to the council regarding the camera change.
- PPT slide deck prepared by city staff for candidates. The REAL Missouri Ethics Commission "Conflict of Interest" booklet can be found here: https://www.mec.mo.gov/WebDocs/PDF/Complaint/Conflict_of_Interest.pdf. See page 9 specifically. (this basically negates Dunning's memo)

This will give you some background on the issue. Carlyle and Prier can also provide some context.

My basic points:

1. We are here because the former mayor got his feelings hurt, so he and

"several (per Dunning's memo)" other council members cried to Mr Dunning for something to be done about the meanie-pants man. In Baird's case I believe actual tears.

2. Any reasoning based on "campaign conflicts" are moot on their face. See page 9 in Missouri Ethics Commission "Conflict of Interest" booklet. Nothing applies to private citizens, candidate or not. A city-produced powerpoint slide (slide 12) is not law. (Neither are rules of decorum, but I digress).
3. The city manager and city attorneys leveraged their extensive civic experience and commensurate salaries to develop a solution to an issue that did not exist (see point 2 above). Video the back of citizens heads. It resolved nothing. But it did provide an agenda item for the meeting.
4. Does Mr Dunning manage the city staff or not? Is he able to make decisions regarding his staff or isn't he? I'll elaborate.

On Sat, Jun 13, 2026 at 12:16 PM <acombatmedic@gmail.com> wrote:

If what I outlined defines excitement, then you're in for a treat. Just letting you know my intent for comments. Also keep in mind that rules for decorum are not law and generally apply to public servants and not private citizens. Rules cannot supercede constitutional rights. Refer to Mr Head. If my rights are violated that will be addressed. I don't anticipate issues but I want to set clear expectations.

Thank you

On Sat, Jun 13, 2026 at 08:02 Trish Carlyle <Trish.Carlyle@cityofls.net> wrote:

Good morning Chip,

Thank you for your email. While I do enjoy your excitement for the Rules Committee meeting, I would ask that you show decorum to the committee. This committee is set up generally the way as Council meetings so there is a place for public comment. If there are any materials that you would like for us to have, please forward them to the City Clerk.

Have a great weekend.

Best,

Trish Carlyle, Councilmember, District 2

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Heads up,

Your boy is gonna be on the meeting call. I'm your boy. We're gonna break down why this meeting is happening, what lead to it, why it's unnecessary and a waste of resources (good stewardship and all that jazz Shields) and what will result from this farce of a meeting. Please be prepared to defend your position. You are well acquainted with the back of my head, you may soon see it again. Silly? Yes of course this is. Hi Dunning, you may consider doing your job and managing your staff as a full time public employee. If I'm wrong then hammer me into the ground. Bring your attorney. Mine is CCd. XXOO

Chip

PS: we all know this should not even be happening.

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From: [Donnie Funk](#)
To: [Trisha Fowler Arcuri](#); [Trish Carlyle](#)
Subject: Fwd: Rules committee and meeting comments
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026 6:26:55 PM

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Hi Donnie,

Trish Carlyle noted at the last council meeting that the rules committee/council had not heard much regarding the camera angle issue, so thought I would chime in.

I see no reason why speakers addressing the council as 'the public' should be treated any differently than those who speak from the city or the development crowd and their paid shills. Perception is too often "the reality" especially in the cases of public matters. The appearance of this camera angle issue is that it is an effort to marginalize those who are critical of the council and city staff, and not a good look for those who ran on accountability and transparency. I support the rule being the same for EVERY speaker.

And I will also note, not sure which of the speakers brought this up, but with all of the money spent on the so-called Communications (Marketing) department, it seems that the public notice effort is extremely marginal at best, and even the public notices as required are woefully thin. I remember when they were published in the Tribune and LS Journal back when we still had print newspapers, and even then, it was almost impossible to find any further details on the city's website. It seems like there should

be a section easily located on the city's website where one can just click 'public hearings' and see all upcoming such hearings. Most of the time agendas for meetings are not posted until the Friday before and that is not enough time to read all of the docs, get the word out, and for people to put on their calendars. I don't always even look at the agenda until a few hours before. Most people don't even know how to navigate legistar, let alone make the time to read it. And the recap the city put out says the Dillons project "aligns with the City's economic development goals for the area". If so, why did it have to be rezoned from Districts PI (Planned Industrial), RP-4 (Planned Apartment Residential), and PO (Planned Office) to CP-2 (Planned Community Commercial). Shedding no tears for ditching the ugly apartments zone, and indifferent on this project but the Council Debrief put out by the city is definitely more PR spin than what actually happened at any meeting.

And I concur with the angry gentleman talking about the sales tax. Go to <https://missouri.atr.avalara.com/#> - legislature passed a law a few years ago that requires public disclosure of sales tax rates. Click anywhere on that map and it will give you the sales tax breakdown. With a few exceptions (HyVee and WM) you cannot escape the CIDs and TDD's and I do resent footing the bill for developers in this awful apartment driven 'mixed use' designated developments sticking us with an added bill so their development can 'pencil out'. In person retail as a % of overall retail is declining every single year and yet we keep adding more and paying more for it. So, no, not going to get up and rage about it but it is death by a thousand cuts! I would be happy if we never saw another mixed use (or Town Center) development ever again. Thanks for reading!

Donna

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