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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 14, 2015**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER      WARDS: ALL**  
**CITY CLERK**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

**SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIDEO AND OVERHEAD CAMERA**

**ISSUE:**

The Charter Officers request reconsideration of the City Council meeting video camera angle for public comment and use of an overhead camera by the public.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council consider (1) returning the camera angle for public comment during City Council meetings to front-facing; and (2) authorizing public use of the overhead camera in the Council Chamber.

**BACKGROUND:**

Following the April 7, 2015, City Council meeting, the Interim City Manager changed the camera angle for public comment during City Council meetings from front-facing to the camera mounted in the back of the Council Chamber. The City Council may wish to consider at this time returning to the original front-facing camera view for the public comment portion of the meeting.

Recently, the City Manager directed installation of an overhead camera in the Art Pick Council Chamber. The City Council may wish to consider authorizing public use of the camera during public comment. The City Clerk will place public documents in the camera's view and retain them for inclusion in the public record.

The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney support these two considerations as congruent with ongoing open government and transparency initiatives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact with the change in camera angle for City Council meetings nor in accommodating public use of the overhead camera.

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