Good evening, Council. My name is Kyle Moring. I am a resident of Mount Vernon, Texas.

For nearly a year, I have reported this City's records-management failures. For nearly a year, the response has been to go after the person reporting them.

I documented the exposure of Social Security numbers and sexual-assault forensic-exam records on the City's OpenGov portal. I documented a full, unredacted police report from an active federal case, released through the City's own production. And I documented a no-records certification — signed under penalty of perjury by City Secretary Candias Webster — stating that a good-faith search found nothing responsive across twenty-five items, except my own email reporting the problem.

The City did not fix these things. On May 28, its outside attorney pointed a criminal statute at me — Texas Government Code 552.352 — for reporting a record the City itself released.

Then it went further. On May 29 — four days before I last stood here — the City's outside counsel, Lea Ream, emailed Titus County District Attorney Charles Bailey, copying attorney Austin Beck, asking to "discuss issues raised regarding Kyle Moring."

Consider the irony. They turned to the same District Attorney who evaded my requests to meet and review my complaints — and whom the Attorney General found to have committed apparent Public Information Act violations of his own. The same District Attorney who concluded he found no violation by the City, while he himself held records the City still denies possessing.

This is also the prosecutor I had asked, weeks earlier, to step aside from a case involving child-grooming allegations his own office advised police to file — a case in which the person who signed the form to drop it was, at that same time, a defendant his office was prosecuting. He dismissed my request in ten minutes, telling me he "represents the State of Texas" and has no conflict.

And on Easter morning, at 1:46 a.m., that District Attorney forwarded me a production containing unredacted Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, CPS history, and information identifying minors. Those records came from the City's own police records manager, April Nipp — the same official who had told me the records did not exist.

So the City pointed a criminal statute at the reporter over records it released — then turned to a prosecutor who had produced unredacted confidential records himself, shifting the focus from the City's records failures to the person who reported them.

And after I spoke here on June 2, the City's own video of that meeting was quietly made "unlisted" and replaced with a separate copy.

That is the pattern. I report failures; the City protects itself, calls my persistence a "vendetta," and turns on the reporter.

James Baldwin warned: “Ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.”

And that is what this record shows: a City claiming it has no records of investigation or remediation, while using attorneys and prosecutorial channels against the person who reported the failures.

And let me be blunt. This Council found time to spend months on an ethics investigation into Councilmember Tafoya that ended with no discipline. It found time to dismiss Mayor Lyons’s ethics complaint concerning himself, while using that discussion to criticize Councilmember Tafoya again. But for seven months, I have placed records, notices, and documented concerns directly before you, and my formal ethics complaints have still not been put to a public vote.

So I renew two requests: place my formal ethics complaints back on the agenda for a public vote, and authorize an independent, outside audit of this City’s records practices and internal controls.

Thank you.