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Additional Sterling Brown video demands transparency and accountability

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The recent release of additional bodycam footage from the Sterling Brown incident provides more concerning details surrounding that night while prompting a call for a full audit of the incident. The footage provides yet another glimpse into the activities and comments of some of the police officers involved. It is concerning and unacceptable that these clips and others were not included as part of the initial bodycam footage shared with Common Council members over 2 months ago and the public most recently.

After meeting with the Fire & Police Commission today we have requested the following:

1. An audit of all activity associated with this incident
2. The results of the audit be communicated to both the FPC and the Common Council in open sessions for the public to see and hear.
3. Introduction of a file specific to the Sterling Brown incident to include all bodycam footage, communication and reports associated with the event.

Both the Council and the community were assured by MPD that a plan would be put forth to make improvements. We are anxiously awaiting the details of this plan and urge MPD to be transparent with the public in its approach. At the same time, it is our continued commitment that there be complete transparency around this issue along with swift and appropriate action to all those involved who violated MPD policies and procedures. We remain steadfast and are ready to work with the Community, Fire & Police Commission and MPD toward necessary change.