

Leadership Planning Team Notes

May 18, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Participants:

Mayor Ashton

Councilmember Jackson

Councilmember Marissa Valeri

Councilmember Van Grack

Jeff Mihelich, City Manager

Cindy Walters, Deputy City Attorney

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager

Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager

Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

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Comment: Councilmember Valeri commented on the Daughters of the American Revolution Consent Item to Plant a Liberty Tree Scion in Recognition of America's 250th Anniversary, and that the City consider being thoughtful about groups that want to engage with the Rockville, given the organization's prior struggle with honoring JEDI principles.

Comment: Mayor Ashton indicated there are numerous organizations, including governments, that have not treated people well. She noted there may be ways to focus on healing and move forward. She requested that staff research additional background about the organization, given that this matter may be raised for discussion this evening.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich requested that a specific request be sent by email to staff. Due to the timing, it may be challenging to gather the information.

Comment: Councilmember Valeri asked why the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department FY26 Emergency Vehicle Grant was on the Consent agenda.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that all grantees are required to have an agreement approved by the Mayor and Council.

June 1, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda. There were no questions or comments.

Review and Comment on the Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar

June 8, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Due to the long meeting agenda, Mayor Ashton asked if something could be moved earlier to June 1. She noted a preference for thinking ahead, that when a meeting agenda is full, staff should try to move items around to balance the timing across the agendas.

Comment: Councilmember Valeri requested that staff keep in mind that the Community Forum should be factored into meeting timing.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich indicated that the plan was for this meeting not to be lengthy. The fluctuation of election code update-related items has added complexity to agenda planning in recent weeks. City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that it is unlikely for agenda items to move to an earlier meeting. It is more feasible to move items to a later date on the calendar. He will consult with the departments to see what is possible.

June 29, 2026 Meeting

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked if thirty minutes is enough time for the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and Comprehensive Map Amendment Adoption.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked Mayor Ashton for her comment.

July 6, 2026 Meeting

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda. There were no questions or comments.

July 27, 2026 Meeting

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda. There were no questions or comments.

August 3 2026 Meeting

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda. There were no questions or comments.

General Comments

Comment: The City Clerk/Director Council of Operations noted that staff prepared a timeline for the Election Code Update. She will send it to the City Manager so that staff can add the dates to the six month planning calendar.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich asked the City Clerk and Director of Council Operations to send the schedule to the City Manager and the Associate City Manager. Staff will then add these items to the six-month planning calendar.

Comment: Councilmember Van Grack thanked staff for managing all of the Election Code Update scheduling adjustments.

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked the team at the next LPT meeting to review how the election code schedule affects the six-month planning calendar. She also wants to examine parking lot items for potential inclusion by the end of 2026 and may raise additional topics.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked the Mayor Ashton for her comments.
