

**City of Rockville
Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes
September 15, 2025**

Meeting Participants:

Mayor Ashton
Councilmember Jackson
Councilmember Zola Shaw
Councilmember Valeri
Councilmember Van Grack
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager
Robert Dawson, City Attorney
Sara Taylor Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

Agenda Review

September 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Comment: The City Manager reviewed the agenda.

Comment: Mayor Ashton and Councilmember Jackson noted that some proclamations are missing from the agenda.

Comment: The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations noted that the Deputy City Clerk is working on adding and posting the proclamations this morning.

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted there are additional appointments that have been added by staff in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations staff. Additionally, Councilmember Fulton shared edits for the minutes on the agenda this evening. Mayor Ashton asked if they had been added.

Response: The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations indicated that the revisions were made to the edits and were sent to the Mayor and Council.

September 29, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda.

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted that the County committed to providing the City with an impact tax agreement. She asked if the County had provided the agreement.

Response: The City Manager noted that the agreement is close to being completed. It may be added to an upcoming agenda soon.

Comment: Councilmember Jackson noted that there was some confusion with the October 13th meeting. The King Farm Farmstead Master Plan Adoption was scheduled for that evening. He thought the work session would be scheduled at a later date.

Response: The City Manager noted the 9/29 work session is the original date scheduled for the item. At that meeting, the cost estimates for option two and option four will be shared. At that meeting, the Mayor and Council will provide feedback to staff. Adoption of the King Farm Farmstead Master Plan is scheduled for the 10/20 meeting.

Review and Comment on Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar

October 6, 2025 Meeting

Comment: The City Manager reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments.

October 13, 2025 Meeting

Comment: The City Manager noted that this meeting was cancelled to provide time for some members of the Mayor and Council to attend the MML Fall Conference.

October 20, 2025 Meeting

Comment: The City Manager reviewed the agenda. He noted that the Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) presentation is a bit tentative due to the leadership changes at RHE.

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted the new director may need some more time. She suggested that if the item were to be removed, there could be a combined MPDU and housing education session.

Comment: Councilmember Jackson noted that he is aware of the changes at RHE and that the item may be delayed. He requested that the Mayor and Council receive an update on the status at the one-on-one meetings with the City Manager.

Response: The City Manager noted that he will update the Mayor and Council at the one-on-one meetings.

Comment: Councilmember Valeri noted that she supports slotting in the MPDU item.

November 3, 2025 Meeting

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

November 10, 2025 Meeting

Comment: The City Manager reviewed the agenda. He noted that the Residential Unit Inspection and Licensing Program is scheduled for this date. He will keep the Mayor and Council updated on this topic.

Comment: Mayor Ashton mentioned that it was discussed earlier this year to have a public budgeting Session. It is not yet on the calendar.

Comment: Councilmember Valeri noted that she agrees that there should be a public budget priorities work session.

Response: The City Manager thanked the elected officials for their comments and suggestions on the 6 month calendar.