

**City of Rockville
Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes
July 6, 2026**

Meeting Participants:

Mayor Ashton
Councilmember Jackson
Councilmember Shaw
Councilmember Valeri
Councilmember Van Grack
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager
Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations
Cynthia Walters, Acting City Attorney
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager

Agenda Review

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Comment: Mayor Ashton said she will be sending feedback on the Landlord-Tenant Code to the City Manager based on prior worksessions on this topic

Review and Comment on the Six-Month Agenda Planning Calendar

Comment: Mayor Ashton suggested that the JEDI item on July 27 be a worksession

Response: City Manager said he will look into this

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked if the July 27 Arts and Culture item has been shared with the CAC, indicating that some members of the CAC said they had not seen it

Response: City Manager said it has been shared but staff will seek additional feedback from the CAC

Comment: Councilmember Valeri requested a memo of summary of the CAC's feedback/input on the Arts and Culture Ordinance item, adding that it's unclear as to why the body is looking at revisions for this ordinance

Response: The City Manager agreed to this

Comment: Councilmember Valeri asked if the body would get feedback from the Transportation and Mobility Commission on the July 27 Road Code item

Response: City Manager said yes

Comment: Councilmember Valeri expressed concern about the August 3 virtual-only worksession as some people are on vacation that time of year, and asked if it could be in-person, adding that the city should have more meetings in July because members of the body are struggling with scheduling meetings over the next few months

Response: Mayor Ashton said it might be difficult to change the August 3 meeting, but the body can have a discussion on the larger issue of August meetings at their next strategic planning session in September; City Manager concurs with the Mayor

Comment: Councilmember Valeri said the Pending Items list on the Six-Month Planning Calendar is not representative of everything the body has requested or raised and asked if there are more “pre-stage” items

Response: City Manager said the items currently on the list are the ones he’s aware of and he encouraged the members of the body to send him more if they have any

Response: Mayor Ashton asked if the MPDU items on December 21 could come earlier; she also mentioned a possible worksession on the HOF, next steps on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the HRC code and the city’s Animal Code are ending for date assignments; Councilmember Valeri added a request for a worksession or presentation on the city’s housing initiative