

Leadership Planning Team Notes

June 29, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Participants:

Mayor Ashton
Councilmember Jackson
Councilmember Shaw
Councilmember Van Grack
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager
Cindy Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

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Comment: Mayor Ashton inquired about the Shop Local program modification to the REDI agreement. The on-site performance is not quite the same as last year. This adjustment needs to be made to the agreement before it is approved.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich stated that he will review the request.

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted that the City is receiving historical commentary about the Rockville Cemetery and the Montgomery County Poor Farm and Almshouse. There is a request to ensure that staff has taken note and that all land is properly addressed. There is a process related to these matters that needs to be followed. She believes that the City should respond to the comments in writing.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that the comments relate to a site plan issue – not a zoning issue. Staff will be very clear in the response that is sent to the residents that provided commentary.

July 27, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked whether the Chapter 21 Road Code Amendments work session should be categorized as economic development. This item is currently listed under the stewardship of infrastructure category on the six month planning calendar. She noted that the Road Code effort is more aligned with economic development and expediting the development review process. Staff modified the category to economic development.

Comment: Mayor Ashton also noted that the Mayor and Council may not be ready to approve the JEDI Strategic Plan at this meeting. They are waiting for more data that was requested

from staff. The Mayor and Council completely support the JEDI Strategic Plan process and would like additional data.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked the Mayor for her comments and indicated that staff would provide the information as soon as is practical.

Review and Comment on the Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar

August 3, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

September 14, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

September 28, 2026

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

General Comments:

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that staff will make sure that all responses to the Chapter 18 Landlord/Tenant Code and Zoning Ordinance Rewrite emails are completed.

Comment: Councilmember Shaw noted that she has questions about the equity analysis that she requested the last time the Mayor and Council discussed the JEDI Strategic Plan.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that staff provided additional information in response to the request.

Comment: Councilmember Shaw noted the information shared by staff after the discussion was very similar to what staff had previously provided. She will follow up by email on her request.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that staff will review the request.