

Leadership Planning Team Notes

June 8, 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
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

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Comment: Mayor Ashton asked for confirmation that the County is making a BRT presentation and that the body will be able to ask questions. She noted there will be more Consent items on the agenda in June to close out the fiscal year (FY26). For the listening public, she noted that the Mayor and Council will be at the Maryland Municipal League Summer Convention during part of the week on June 15. While they will not hold a meeting, they will be engaged with learning about best practices in municipal government.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich confirmed that the County Department of Transportation will be making the BRT presentation and is prepared to take questions from the Mayor and Council.

June 29, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton requested that when the drafts of both the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and the Landlord-Tenant Code are available, please share them with the Mayor and Council and the public.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich stated that the Mayor is correct. Staff will ensure the drafts are made available to the Mayor and Council and the public.

Review and Comment on the Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar

July 6, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton stated there are currently no agenda items for July 6. If this remains, the time will be used for personnel reviews.

July 27, 2026 Meeting

Comment: Councilmember Shaw noted that she is commenting about the June 29 meeting. She stated that there are many questions in the community about the code changes, and landlords could pass on the increased costs to tenants by increasing rents. The Councilmember indicated there is a lot of concern. This was discussed at the last work session. She asked for more detailed information. Additionally, Councilmember Shaw asked for this issue to be highlighted and clarified in the equity section of the staff report.

Comment: Mayor Ashton requested that staff highlight each specific item (where relevant) to show that some changes may result in increased costs to the landlord that may be passed to the tenant.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked the elected officials for their comments and noted that staff will follow up accordingly.

August 3, 2026 Meeting

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

General Comments:

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked if the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Code Update was added to the six month planning calendar.

Response: The Associate City Manager indicated that the item is currently listed under the December 21, 2026 meeting on the six month planning calendar.