

**City of Rockville**  
**Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes**  
**January 5, 2026**

**Meeting Participants:**

Councilmember Jackson  
Councilmember Shaw  
Councilmember Van Grack  
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager  
Robert Dawson, City Attorney  
Sara Taylor Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations  
Doris Stokes (Acting City Clerk, starting Jan. 12 while Sara Ferrell is on leave).  
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager  
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

**Agenda Review**

**January 12, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich reviewed the agenda. There were no questions or comments on the agenda. He indicated that there may be a selection for a presiding officer for the meeting tonight, if needed.

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**January 12, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** The City Manager reviewed the agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Jackson noted that the Consent Agenda item on the MOU for approval with the County regarding the election drop box reminded him that he would like to know when the Election Ordinance Rewrite is coming back to the Mayor and Council.

**Response:** The City Manager noted that he would follow up with his colleagues and share a schedule.

**Comment:** The City Manager noted that the City is proceeding with cancelling the January 26<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council meeting so that the body can attend District 17 Night in Annapolis.

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**Comment:** Councilmember Jackson inquired about how the City is informing residents about participation in the District 17 Night event.

**Response:** The City Manager noted that staff will provide an email response to the Councilmember's question.

**Review and Comment on Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar**

**February 2, 2026 Meeting**

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

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**February 9, 2026 Meeting**

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

**February 23, 2026 Meeting**

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

**March 2, 2026 Meeting**

**Comment:** The City Manager reviewed the agenda. He noted that the JEDI Strategic Plan Process Updates Worksession is on this meeting agenda. This is an important item that the Mayor and Council will consider. There were no questions or comments on the agenda.

**March 9, 2026 Meeting**

**Comment:** The City Manager reviewed the agenda. He noted that beginning with this meeting and the next several that will follow, there will be heavy activity on the FY27 budget.

**General Agenda Comments- Six Month Calendar**

**Response:** City Attorney Robert Dawson responded to Councilmember Jackson's question related to the Election Code Rewrite. He indicated that nothing changed, and the item would probably come back to the Mayor and Council for their review in May or June of this year.