

**City of Rockville**  
**Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes**  
**January 12, 2026**

**Meeting Participants:**

Mayor Ashton  
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, Interim City Clerk/Director of Council Operations  
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager  
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager

**Agenda Review**

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**Comment:** Mayor Ashton suggested that staff offer some high-level highlights from the PAFR for the public's benefit before the body votes on the Consent Agenda

**Response:** City Manager Mihelich concurred

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**February 2, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**No Comments**

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

**Comment:** Councilmember Van Grack asked about the accuracy of the anticipated budget-related items and worksessions on other topics on the same nights (E.g. ZOR)

**Response:** City Manager Mihelich clarified the ZOR process and is confident about the scheduled budget-related dates

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton asked if issues raised previously by the body, and the feedback received from the Planning Commission, related to the ZOR will come back for review

**Response:** City Manager Mihelich clarified the process and sequencing of the ZOR-related items, and said staff will put together and share a calendar of what issues will come up and when

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton mentioned that MWCOG would like to share an update with the city on their DMVMoves initiative (E.g., transit across the city)