

## Leadership Planning Team Notes

### May 11, 2026 Meeting

#### **Meeting Participants:**

Mayor Ashton

Councilmember Jackson

Councilmember Marissa Valeri

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

#### **May 11, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton requested that the body receive feedback from the community meetings for the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and Comprehensive Map Amendment.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich will ensure that this material is included for the meeting this evening.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri requested brief topic descriptions for agenda items in staff reports to facilitate public understanding. She also asked whether the Board of Supervisors of Elections' (BSE) initial feedback on the election code is available. In addition, she asked that the 2023 post-election feedback be shared again for consideration during the election code rewrite.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich said staff will work on crafting descriptions into Legistar in a similar manner to the six-month planning calendar.

**Response:** The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations stated that the BSE reviewed Chapters 7 and parts of the election code. The BSE stated that significant improvements are needed. Although BSE supports Chapter 8 enforcement, detailed policies and procedures are still required, with some sections missing or needing significant work. The City Clerk/Director also confirmed she emailed the BSE feedback to the body on Friday evening (5/8).

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton noted that after that last election code rewrite Work Session, the staff report did not include some key links, including the BSE-specific recommendations. This information is important for the public's understanding of this topic. The links will explain the rationale for the changes and will inform the Mayor and Council's deliberations.

**Response:** The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations will add links to the staff report for tonight's meeting.

**Comment:** Councilmember Jackson agrees with the Mayor and mentioned that he received the BSE email commentary from the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations. He requests that, during tonight's meeting, the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations and the Acting City Attorney clarify any items not included in the email.

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton emphasized the need to accommodate the District 17 Delegation's arrival, as they are attending a prior event. The District 17 Wrap Up presentation on the 2026 Session may follow the Community Forum and Consent agenda items.

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### **May 18, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri commented on the liberty tree item on the agenda. She noted that the City should be thoughtful and approach this item from a JEDI perspective, given that there were enslaved people at the Glenview Mansion property at the time referenced in the agenda item. Councilmember Valeri also noted that she will be virtual for this meeting.

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton noted that we are currently scheduled to end at 11 pm, with the Community Forum segment scheduled for twenty minutes. Mayor Ashton noted that the Community Forum and meeting will likely last longer than anticipated. This could result in an item being moved off the agenda at the meeting.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri noted that she agreed with Mayor Ashton and indicated that she believes that the Community Forum would last for at least one hour.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked the elected officials for their heads up.

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

#### **June 1, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that the election code item could change, and he will share a list of potential MML Legislative Action Requests to discuss with the elected officials in the next few weeks.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri asked that, in the event the election code for June 1 is not ready, could another item be moved to take its place, such as the FAST II Improvements Work Session.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that the FAST II Improvements item is still being developed and won't be ready to present on June 8.

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### **June 8, 2026 Meeting**

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri asked if the body could have a short question and answer session with the Planning Commission during their annual report.

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton noted that she is open to the body asking a few questions of the Planning Commission.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich indicated that yes, if the body wants to change the Special Presentation to a Work Session, they can. Four elected officials would need to support the change.

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton thanked staff for moving the grants to Nonprofits Work Session earlier in the years. She sees that it was moved to August 3 and asked if the Work Session could be scheduled earlier.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich indicated that the grants Nonprofits Work Session can't be moved to a date earlier than August 3 as the staff work is still on-going. Comments received by the body on August 3<sup>rd</sup> could be rolled into the grant timeline for next fiscal year and shared with the grantees.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri requested that the August Mayor and Council meeting be held at the end of the month as opposed to the beginning.

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### **June 29, 2026 Meeting**

The City Manager reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments.

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### **General Comments:**

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton thanked staff for adding the cooling requirements Work Session. She noted that as part of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite discussions, some other issues

came up, including stormwater management, lot coverage, and building code requirements. She also noted that there needs to be a follow-up on the Human Needs Assessment.

**Response:** City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that he would follow up with staff and provide a response to the Mayor and Council.