

Leadership Planning Team Notes

July 27, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Participants:

Mayor Ashton
Councilmember Jackson
Councilmember Van Grack
Councilmember Shaw
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager
Cindy Walters, Acting 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 if Chapter 21 and the Comprehensive Transportation Review will go before the Transportation and Mobility Commission and the Rockville Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She wants to make sure that the Mayor and Council receive comments from a broad range of perspectives.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich stated that the item will be forwarded to both the Transportation and Mobility Commission and the Rockville Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Comment: Councilmember Jackson noted that the PowerPoint presentations were forwarded on Friday afternoon for this evening's meeting. He shared that it would be very helpful for the public and Mayor and Council to receive the presentations sooner.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich thanked Councilmember Jackson for the comment. The City Manager shared that he asked staff to make edits after the dry run presentation. Staff will work on sending presentations sooner to the Mayor and Council.

August 3, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton asked if the nonprofits are aware that the Mayor and Council will hold a Grants to Nonprofits work session. Mayor Ashton also asked if any other Consent items may be added to the agenda.

Comment: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that staff will reach out to nonprofits to ensure they are aware of the August 3 Mayor and Council work session.

Response: Deputy City Manager Matite Barack Matite indicated that the AMI item is working its way through the review process and might get added.

Review and Comment on the Six Month Agenda Planning Calendar

September 14, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted that the Rockville Sister Cities (RSSC) Presentation was removed and will be provided via a written report. While she defers to Councilmember Van Grack, the council liaison, she knows RSSC has some items to flag for the Mayor and Council, including the organization's anniversary. She is fine with a written report. If RSSC has specific items that need attention, it might be good to hear from them in person.

Comment: – Councilmember Van Grack noted that he does not have any issues with RSSC providing a written report to the Mayor and Council.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich recommended that once the Mayor and Council receive the report, if they have comments, the presentation can be scheduled on a new date.

Comment – Councilmember Jackson indicated to his colleagues that he is serving on the 2026-207 MML Legislative Committee. Hi also thank Linda Moran for her assistance.

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted that she is pleased that Councilmember Jackson will be representing the MML Montgomery Chapter on the MML Legislative Committee.

September 28, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

October 5, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Comment: Mayor Ashton noted that she would like to ensure that staff is tracking the dedicated response time related to the 24 Martin's Lane Sectional Map amendment and other related items (these items are scheduled on the September 14, 2026 agenda).

Response: The City Manager confirmed that staff is closely tracking the response time related to the 24 Martin's Lane Sectional Map Amendment process.

October 12, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

October 26, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

General Comments:

Comment: Mayor Ashton raised that now that the Mayor and Council have approved major items like the Zoning Ordinance rewrite, Comprehensive Master Plan items, and code updates, perhaps they can review which items should be placed in the parking lot versus the six month calendar. Specifically, she referenced the Accessory Dwelling Units technical assistance follow up that was discussed.

Response: City Manager Jeff Mihelich noted that staff is discussing these matters. He indicated that the City is in the implementation phase of these items. He spoke with Community Planning and Development Services and Housing and Community Development about these items last week, and they will soon appear on the six month planning calendar.