

**City of Rockville  
Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes  
September 8, 2025**

**Meeting Participants:**

Councilmember Shaw  
Councilmember Valeri  
Councilmember Van Grack  
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager  
Robert Dawson, City Attorney  
Sara Taylor Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations  
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager  
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager

**Agenda Review**

**Sept 8, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment – Deputy Manager Matite noted a reminder that the meeting this evening starts at 7 pm.**

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri asked for clarification on the meaning of accepting the consultant's report on the Election Code Update. She was not sure if it meant that the Mayor and Council would approve and discuss it.

**Response:** Deputy City Manager Matite indicated that it is simply receiving the consultant's report.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri asked if the Mayor and Council are merely accepting the report, why is sixty minutes allotted? She asked if the Mayor and Council would be receiving a fuller presentation and if they could ask questions.

**Response:** Deputy City Manager Matite noted that the consultant will provide a presentation, and the Mayor and Council may ask questions.

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**September 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** Deputy City Manager, Matite reviewed the agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri noted that there are many proclamations and certificates of recognition on the agenda. She has proposed to her colleagues to consider having separate sections on the agenda for proclamations and certificates of recognition. She noted that the rest of her colleagues can weigh after they return from their trip.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri noted that in her view, the work sessions on Economic Development and State Legislative Priorities will take longer than the one hour and forty-five minutes allotted to the items on the agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Van Grack noted that these are only estimated times. He agrees that the timing will probably take longer for the two work session items than is estimated on the agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri agrees that times are estimated, and the meeting will not end at 10 pm. This is the same projected end time for the September 8 meeting. She agrees with the six month planning calendar language, indicating that all times are estimates and are subject to change.

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

**September 29, 2025 Meeting**

**Comment:** Deputy City Manager Matite reviewed the agenda.

**Comment:** There were no comments or questions.

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**October 6, 2025 Meeting**

**Comment:** Deputy City Manager Matite reviewed the agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri asked if the MCPS Twinbrook Feasibility Study presentation on October 6 is before the next actual community meeting to be held on the study. She noted that it would make sense to hear from MCPS before the community meeting is held by the school system.

**Response:**

- Deputy City Manager Matite noted that he was not sure. He stated that the Mayor and Council will be having upcoming briefings with the MCPS Superintendent.
- Update – According to the Twinbrook Elementary School website, it is noted that the final feasibility study community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, from 6 to 7 pm. The final options and details will be presented, along with the next steps, as the project moves through the Capital Improvements Program process.

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### **October 13, 2025 Meeting**

**Comment:** Deputy City Manager Matite reviewed the meeting agenda.

**Comment:** Councilmember Van Grack noted there is an ongoing discussion about the October 13 meeting. Further discussion is needed to determine the next steps.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri agrees that this matter needs to be discussed when her colleagues return. In her view, this meeting is overloaded with agenda items. She noted the King Farm Farmstead item will entail more discussion and community forum participation, even though it is an action item. She suggested the discussion be held off until her colleagues return.

**Comment:** Councilmember Van Grack noted that this creates significant issues since the meeting was posted publicly. He indicated that the City Manager and the City Clerk will be discussing this. We will make a note of this and come back to it.

**Response:** Deputy City Manager Matite noted that the agenda review would stop with the October 13 meeting. We will then have an internal discussion. Next Monday, we will have a better idea of what the six month calendar will look like.

**Comment** – Councilmember Valeri noted that this item should have an asterisk next to it and come back for discussion. She suggested that perhaps the September 15 LPT meeting could begin with this item to see how we might balance the agendas. The six month calendar does state that all items are subject to change and the information is seen by the public.

**Comment:** Councilmember Van Grack noted that there are many issues to unpack regarding the October 13 meeting. Perhaps that discussion could be held this week if time permits.

**Comment:** Councilmember Shaw agrees this item should be discussed at another time. There are not enough colleagues present to make a decision.

**Comment:** Councilmember Valeri noted that since Mayor Ashton is absent and is the presiding officer, it makes it challenging to make a decision.

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