

**City of Rockville**  
**Leadership Planning Team Meeting Notes**  
**March 2, 2026**

**Meeting Participants:**

Mayor Ashton  
Councilmember Jackson  
Councilmember Van Grack  
Councilmember Shaw  
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager  
Doris Stokes, Interim City Clerk/Director of Council Operations  
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager  
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager  
Linda Moran, Associate City Manager  
Judy Penny, Executive Assistant to the CC/DCO

**Agenda Review**

**March 2, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton noted that she will bring up the Earmarks discussion

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**March 9, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

**Comment:** City Manager noted that the FY27 budget will be shared with the body and posted publicly this Friday, March 6; and Mayor Ashton noted that it's the introduction of the budget and there will be opportunities for the public to ask questions

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

**Comment:** Mayor Ashton confirmed that the body will have the opportunity to see the fully-revised ZOR draft before taking action to approve it

**Response:** City Manager confirmed that is the case and that body will have the ability to focus in on different sections of the ZOR throughout the process

## Legislative Review Team Meeting

March 2, 2026

Mayor Ashton  
Councilmember Barry Jackson  
Councilmember Shaw  
Councilmember Van Grack  
Jeff Mihelich, City Manager  
Robert Dawson, City Attorney  
Doris Stokes, Acting City Clerk/Director of Council Operations  
Barack Matite, Deputy City Manager  
Dave Gottesman, Assistant City Manager  
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### **Review of Legislation**

#### **Bill – HB 444/SB 245 Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements**

**Position** – Support

**Next Steps** – This emergency legislation was signed into law by Governor Moore on February 17, 2026.

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#### **Bill - SB 1 (HB 1341) - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition of Face Coverings**

**Position** – Monitor

**Next Steps** – Staff and the City’s State lobbying team will monitor the progress of the legislation and will keep the Mayor and Council informed of the outcome.

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#### **Bill – SB 504/HB 711 - Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching Systems (Data Privacy Act)**

**Position** – Monitor

**Next Steps** – Staff and the City’s State lobbying team will monitor the progress of the legislation and will keep the Mayor and Council informed of the outcome.

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#### **Bill SB 810/HB 1341 - Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement**

**Position** – Support

**Next Steps** – Rockville’s State lobbying firm will register a check-the-box support position for the 3/12 Senate hearing (HB 1341 passed the House).

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**Bill – Montgomery County Legislation -The Anti-Algorithmic Price Fixing Act (Bill 8-26)**

**Position** – Support

**Next Steps** – Councilmembers Jackson, Shaw and Mayor Ashton all requested an opportunity to represent the City at the public hearing to provide testimony in support of the legislation. Staff will continue to provide updates on the Status of HB 434, the State bill on algorithmic pricing, at the upcoming Legislative Review Team meetings.

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**Bill – HB -1567 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Motor Scooters, and EPAMDs - Overtaking and Passing (Pass Pedestrians Safely Act)**

**Position** – Support with Amendment. Some of Rockville’s infrastructure does not provide a three-foot distance for passing a vehicle or pedestrian. Staff will request an amendment in the written testimony that would allow for an exception to the three-foot distance when the City’s (and in other jurisdictions) infrastructure does not meet the criterion. Rockville City Police supports the legislation. Additionally, staff requested feedback on HB 1567 from the Public Works Department and RCPD and will share the comments when available.

**Next Steps** – A copy of the bill text is provided below.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2026RS/bills/hb/hb1567F.pdf>

Staff will prepare support with amendment testimony for the March 12 House hearing.

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