



**City of Rockville Report – Rockville Economic Development, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2026**

February 23, 2026 Mayor and Council Meeting:

Chapter 18 Code Landlord/Tenant Code Update Worksession

On February 23, Rockville Mayor and Council continued a series of work sessions to rewrite City Code Chapter 18 (Rental Facilities and Landlord-Tenant Relations). Staff from the city's Department of Housing and Community Development presented recommendations regarding background check restrictions, relocation assistance, and penalties for code violations, as well as provided suggestions for programmatic actions and future code amendments to further the city's goals for landlord-tenant relations. The Mayor and Council supported the recommendations and provided additional feedback. Staff intends to publish a draft version of the new code chapter in the spring, which will be followed by an additional round of community engagement. The rewrite will next go before the Mayor and Council on May 18.

March 2, 2026 Mayor and Council Meeting:

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

On March 2nd, the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion held a work session with support from the selected consultant firm, The Executive Learning Lab, on the framework and process for the JEDI Strategic Plan. The methodology and approach are rooted in a comprehensive assessment of best practices and current processes and will be further informed by compiling insights through collaborative engagement both internally and externally. The result will be the development of a clear, actionable, and measurable Strategic Planning document that highlights priorities for the next five years. The priorities will align with Mayor and Council priorities. Next steps include a robust engagement process, data analysis and the development of a draft plan summary. Internally, public engagement begins on March 16th through surveys and targeted focus groups. External public engagement will begin on March 23rd and include facilitated listening sessions. The public will be encouraged via Engage Rockville to submit information to JEDI@rockvillemd.gov if they are unable to attend a listening session and are interested in providing feedback.

March 9, 2026 Mayor and Council Meeting:

Strategic Initiatives and Revenues Budget Worksession #1 and Budget Public Hearing #2

The FY27 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program was introduced, and the Mayor and Council held their first worksession and began their budget deliberations. Staff provided the Mayor

and Council with a high-level overview of the FY 2027 budget, along with greater insight into the revenues, taxes, and fees that support the strategic initiatives for FY 27. Rockville's FY 27 proposed operating budget totals \$187.1 million across all funds, representing a 6.6 percent increase from the FY 2026 adopted budget. The General Fund constitutes approximately 67 percent of total operating appropriations and remains the primary operating fund of the City.

This budget continues to prioritize the Mayor and Council's focus areas: public safety, economic development, and housing — while also reinforcing stewardship of the environment and infrastructure and advancing effective and efficient service delivery. The FY 2027 proposed budget places emphasis on key initiatives that will strengthen community safety, enhance long-term infrastructure resilience, expand housing opportunities, and sustain a vibrant local economy. During the discussion, the Mayor and Council asked questions, provided comments, and requested additional information regarding the developer fee increases that were proposed following a comprehensive fee analysis aimed at improving cost recovery. The discussion will continue at the March 23 Worksession on operating expenditures and grants.

The Mayor and Council held their second FY27 Budget Public Hearing. At the public hearing, a number of community members provided input and commentary on programs and services relating to the FY27 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

Upcoming Mayor and Council Meeting

March 23, 2026 Mayor and Council Meeting:

- FY27 Budget Worksession #2 - Operating Expenses and Grants
- FY27 Budget Public Hearing #3
- Mayor and Council Briefing on Planning Commission Recommendations on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and Comprehensive Zoning Map Amendment -Work Session #1