

Local Development Council July 2026 Special Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2026, 7:00pm

Attendance: Vice Chair Lawmont Green, Betel Worku, Earl O’Neal, Paula Noble, TeQuilla Taylor (Representative from Senator Muse’s Office), Keyanna Morant, Rhonda Dorsey, Christina Jackson, and Sheila Curry.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

- Opening Prayer by Vice Chair Lawmont Green
- Quorum was established.

Review and Discussion of the FY2027 MGM Local Impact Grant Multi-Year Spending Plan

- Vice Chair Green opened the discussion by confirmed quorum was present. Sheila explained that the spending plan for 2027 had already been submitted by the County Executive and County Council, and included specific organizations selected for funding. Earl O’Neal expressed concerns about transparency and accountability for organizations receiving funds, emphasizing the need for clear communication and public information about how the money is used. The council members discussed the importance of visiting and volunteering with funded organizations to better understand their work. After addressing questions and comments, the council unanimously voted in favor of the 2027 spending plan. Vice Chair Green shared updates on recent volunteer activities and highlighted the work of organizations.

Next Steps

- Vice Chair Green: Send an email to Sheila tomorrow with the statement from the Local Development Council confirming the vote in favor of the 2027 spending plan.
- Sheila: Forward the statement from the Local Development Council to the County Executive's team and District 8 team.
- Vice Chair Green will request Rico Hilliard with District 8 Team to share information about upcoming events of other nonprofits with the council members for better planning.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm by Vice Chair Green.