

Local Development Council May 2026 Meeting

May 20, 2026, 7:00pm

Attendance: Vice Chair Lawmont Green, Betel Worku, Ernest Lewis, Earl O’Neal, Sheila Curry, Kimberly Harris, Paula Noble, Deanna Baker-Mims, Pleshette Monroe, and Keyanna Morant.

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm

- Opening Prayer by Vice Chair Lawmont Green
- Quorum not established.

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026, and March 25, 2026, meeting minutes could not be approved because quorum was established.

Review and Discussion of Supplemental FY2026 MYSP

- Vice Chair Green opened the discussion with an explanation of the \$4 million supplemental funding and how the County Executive and County Council have recommended spending the funding.
- There was a long discussion on Victory Church receiving this funding, with a list of questions for the District 8 County Council Office:
 1. a budget outline detailing how the supplemental funds will be allocated and expended. Currently, we are unable to locate any public-facing or internal outreach materials outlining the proposed use of these funds.
 2. Additional information regarding Victory Church International DBA Greater Works Ministries, including the organization’s mission, programming, and community impact, as we were unable to locate sufficient information regarding the organization or its programs.
 3. Clarification regarding how the Victory Church International DBA Greater Works Ministries Youth Program differs from the Student Leadership Academy – Joan’s House program, which previously received LIG funding.

Discussion on LDC FY2026 \$400,000 grant funding

- Vice Chair Green: The \$400,000 funding will go directly to 21 schools within a 6-mile radius of MGM National Harbor. Each school receives an equal share of \$19,047 for teacher and student resources.
- The LDC will setup the guidelines for how the funding is to be spent by the schools.
- Since there was not a quorum, the LDC will have to have a special meeting in the next few days to vote on this or vote via email. Chair Wade and Vice Chair Green will discuss tomorrow.

Meeting agenda items

- F. Discussion of Change in Monthly LDC Meeting Date – this item was not discussed.
- G. June 17, 2026, LDC Meeting Agenda - this item was not discussed.
- H. Annapolis Legislative Report – Delegate Turner – this item was not discussed because Delegate Turner was not in attendance.
- I. MGM Casino Report – Ernest Lewis – Mr. Lewis informed the Council that he will submit a report via email and at the next meeting.

Open Forum

- Public comment on Victory Church not having information on their website is a red flag. They should definitely have some information on this funding and the programs it supports on their website.
- Public comment on \$400,000 funding to schools should be content for social media to celebrate how the funding is being spent at each school. MGM could also include it in their social impact report and potentially have a community celebration.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm by Vice Chair Green.