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Rock Island City Council Sets Goals

The City of Rock Island announced today the results of the annual strategic planning session conducted on October 2 and 3, 2009. The Mayor and City Council reviewed and agreed on a Vision Statement, Goals, and Policy and Management Agendas for the coming year.

“This year’s strategic planning session was successful,” commented Mayor Dennis Pauley. “It is useful to bring City Council together, while working with City staff, to focus on the upcoming year and beyond.” Rock Island Mayor and City Council have been conducting such a planning session for more than twenty years. City Manager John Phillips noted that he will be sharing the City Council priorities with the City’s management staff. “These targets give the staff clear direction as we begin budget planning for next year.”

Vision 2025

Rock Island is a growing city with beautiful riverfronts, a vibrant downtown, and livable neighborhoods. Rock Island respects diversity and history. Our citizens have quality homes and places for enjoyment and fun. Rock Island is a proud community.

Goals 2015

- Quality services, financially sound city
- Grow the economy
- Great neighborhoods
- More new housing opportunities
- Well maintained and upgraded older homes
- More and better retail
- Improve riverfronts and downtown

Policy Agenda 2010

Top Priority

- Examine and evaluate alternative revenue sources
- Promote casino area development
- Support the Safer Communities Task Force
- Encourage Campustown development
- Establish Rock Island housing vision and plan and solidify working relationships

High Priority

- Determine direction for operation of Sunset Marina
- Update and fund the Capital Improvement Plan
- Promote development on the Andalusia Road corridor and south along the Rock Island Parkway
- Support Columbia Park development
- Encourage retail development on the Blackhawk Road corridor

Management Agenda 2010

Top Priority

- Negotiations and compensation policy direction
- Customer service evaluation and training
- Complete Mill Creek study and determine direction
- Review and support Rental Housing Inspection Program
- Provide District safety report on status of actions

High Priority

- Identify and prioritize City services
- Support Columbia Park development projects
- Seek funding support of the IL-92 corridor
- Attract downtown first floor retail development
- Identify responsibility and service levels for downtown litter control