

The Rock Island City Council met at 1:00 pm at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center at 4303 24th Street, Rock Island, Illinois for day one of their annual Goal Setting session. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager, Jenna Smith from Upstream and Consultant Craig Rapp from the Center for Governmental Studies at Northwestern Illinois University. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 1:25 pm.

After introductions and discussion of Mr. Rapp's background information, Mr. Rapp reviewed the process for this year's Goal Setting Session (Strategic Planning). Mr. Rapp then discussed the five important strategic priorities that Council established last year, which included Infrastructure, Financial Stability, Economic Development, Redevelopment and High Quality Service Delivery. Mr. Rapp also reviewed the goals that were set under each strategic priority that Council identified during the 2012 / 2013 strategic planning session and highlighted the progress on those goals.

Mr. Rapp then inquired upon Council to identify several key focus areas for each of the strategic priorities. Various focus items discussed included; sidewalk program (50/50) and maintenance; assessment process, street conditions, revenue streams, Blackhawk Corridor, Southwest Sustainable Business Park, comprehensive downtown plan, rating, ranking and allocating infill housing support and communications as part of service delivery.

Following more discussion on today's session, Mr. Rapp stated that on Saturday, discussion would begin on verifying the Strategic Initiatives.

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 8:00 am. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 4:15 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk