

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-GOAL SETTING**

**June 20, 2014  
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The Rock Island City Council met at 1:00 pm at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center at 4303 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, Illinois for day one of their annual Goal Setting session. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Joy Murphy. Staff present included City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager. Also present was Lyle Sumek, Group Facilitator of Sumek and Associates. Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 1:25 pm. Alderman Conroy excused himself from the session at 1:07 pm and Alderman Foley excused himself from the session at 3:58 pm.

Mr. Sumek and Council reviewed various major accomplishments (successes) that were identified by staff and Council members in the past year, some of which included; new Police Facility development project progress; new major businesses in the Southwest area - FedEx Distribution Facility; progress on the Walmart project; Audubon School demolition; creating a safer Downtown with the elimination of two bars; 11 new Downtown businesses; new transient boat dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park; housing on 10<sup>th</sup> Street; the Martin Luther King Center Expansion and MLK Park; adoption of the Comprehensive Plan; new MetroLink Facility; progress on the Long Term Control Plan; adoption of the College Hill District Revitalization Plan; River Terminal Storage Building expansion; departmental reorganizations with greater organizational efficiencies; and budget with no tax increase or rate change.

A number of other various successes were identified, which included; the purchase of the ladder truck for the Fire Department; Tier II Police Accreditation; 30 year mark for the Commercial Industrial Revolving Loan Fund; improved and streamlined CDBG application process; communication enhancements to the Public Access Channel; and creation of Downtown Patrol Unit.

Following more discussion on the successes, Council members were then asked to look towards the future. Each Council member was asked to identify some focus areas to work on during the next five (5) years and action items that they feel need to be undertaken in the next year. Various focus items discussed included; upgrading City infrastructure to include streets, utilities, sidewalks and alleys; completion of the Walmart project; completion of the Jumer's Crossing project - IL 92; east end redevelopment; increase in population; growth in the southwest area; growth on the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor; expanded tax base; and telecommunications growth. Various actions included; completion of the Walmart project; evaluation of Rental Housing Inspection Program; growth in the College Hill District area; review and evaluate boards and commissions; upgrade park facilities; evaluate current marketing campaign; and City website upgrade.

Mr. Sumek and Council members continued their discussion on the focus items and actions identified by staff and Council members.

Mr. Sumek then led the group in reviewing the Goals for 2020. Council discussed and revised each of the goals and voted to put them in order of importance at this time. The Goals for 2020 include; 1) Expanding Local Economy; 2) Increase Population Through

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Great Livable Neighborhoods; 3) Financially Sound City Providing Outstanding Services and Infrastructure; 4) Revitalization of Strategic Locations.

After prioritizing the goals, Mr. Sumek and Council discussed, reviewed and revised the principles of each item identified in the Vision, and what each means to the community. The Rock Island Vision for 2030 states that 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.

Mr. Sumek stated that on Saturday, Council will begin prioritizing the action ideas for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 8:00 am. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 4:40 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk