The Rock Island City Council met at 1:00 pm at the Rock Island Police Station at 1212 5th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois for day one of their annual Goal Setting session. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Staff present included City Manager Thomas Thomas and Ryan Berger, Assistant to the City Manager. Also present was Lyle Sumek, Group Facilitator of Sumek and Associates. Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 1:25 pm and City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 2:00 pm. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

Mr. Sumek briefly discussed the Strategic Planning Model process.

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 opened; full implementation of the 800 MHz communication system; implementation of the Police fleet and Police in-car cameras; partial implementation of the Downtown Plan in regards to the parking component - all day free parking in parking garage, bicycles and skateboards allowed on the Great River Plaza and sidewalk improvements around parking deck; CVS opened on 18th Avenue at the former Audubon school site; Walmart Development agreement signed and making progress in preparation for closing on the site to construct a new superstore; balanced budget without a tax increase in five years; new Fire water rescue boat put into service; emergency operations plan updated; ambulance cots for obese obtained; five year labor contracts completed for AFSCME-A, AFSCME-B and UAW; annual IT computer replacement achieved; Hauberg Center Direction; and Southwest Corridor business development that included GTI, FedEx and Hawk Technology.

A number of other successes were identified, some of which included; increase in street maintenance; continued progress on Long Term Control Plan projects; new department Directors in Finance, Fire, King Center and Parks and Recreation; City Hall security in Executive area completed; 6th Avenue Sewer project almost complete; and remote participation policy for Council members implemented.

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; Walmart development; redevelopment of the Kmart property; Citywide internet access; Douglas Park plan; off-street parking in College Hill area; new residential housing in 2nd Ward; identifying niche and focusing on small local businesses; stronger intergovernmental collaboration; population increase of 2% or 3%; a balanced Parks budget; and a feasible infrastructure plan that is deliverable; Various Actions included; develop plans for the Kmart site; Walmart building completion; agree on a plan for Douglas Park; business attraction as it relates to staff time devoted to help grow small businesses; and body cameras for Police officers.

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

Mr. Sumek then reviewed and discussed the action ideas. Mr. Sumek stated that on Saturday, Council will be focusing on and prioritizing the action ideas for 2016-2017 as well as reviewing the goals and discussing some governance issues.

A motion was made by Alderman Mayberry and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 8:30 am. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 4:56 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk