

The Rock Island City Council met in reconvened session at 11:00 a.m. for the second day of the annual Goal Setting Session at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Staff present included current City Manager John C. Phillips, Public Works Director Bob Hawes and new City Manager Thomas E. Thomas. Also present was Lyle Sumek, Group Facilitator of Sumek and Associates. Alderman Terry M. A. Brooks I arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Mr. Sumek led the group in discussion on reviewing the Goals for 2016. They discussed each of the goals and voted to put them in order of importance at this time. The Goals for 2016 include: *1) Financially Strong City Providing Outstanding Services; 2) Revitalization of Strategic Locations: Downtown, College Hill, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, I-280/IL92 Parkway, Columbia Park; 3) Great Livable Neighborhoods: Residents Feeling Safe, Quality Housing, Well Maintained Infrastructure, Engaged Residents; 4) Expanding Local Economy: Growing Small Businesses, Expanding Local Businesses, Attracting New Businesses.*

City Council members then reviewed each of the goals individually and discussed the strategic objectives and action items for each. They selected the challenges and opportunities presented by each of the goals, and then reviewed and selected action items for each of the goals.

Following discussion, the group selected their priorities for the coming year, which will help meet the identified goals. The priorities and targets for action are as follows:

**POLICY AGENDA 2011 - 2012  
TOP PRIORITIES**

1. Make budget decisions for FY12-13 with regard to the tax levy, fees and service levels.
2. Review policy on allocation of gaming revenue and make decisions.
3. Support Columbia Park Development in collaboration with MetroLink, LRC Developers and McLaughlin Body.
4. Target the revitalization of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. Promote the I-280 / IL 92 Parkway Development.
6. Complete the Southwest Ridgewood Road Business Park.

**POLICY AGENDA 2011 - 2012  
HIGH PRIORITIES**

1. Make decisions on services and programs funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in view of reduced funding.
2. Support continuation of the Rental Housing Inspection Program.
3. Develop a comprehensive plan for street improvements.
4. Examine the possible addition of an Economic Development position in the Community and Economic Development Department.
5. Conduct planning for the Arsenal Gateway to encourage the growth of businesses contracting with the federal government.

Several priorities were assigned to management to implement during the next year, including:

**MANAGEMENT AGENDA 2011 - 2012  
TARGETS FOR ACTION**

1. Continue planning for the construction of a new police facility.
2. Support the College Hill Business District Development.
3. Support the implementation of the strategies identified by the Safer Community Task Force and plan the next phase of this effort.
4. Effectively use City property maintenance codes and other tools to improve the condition of problem properties.
5. Increase the number of Rock Island businesses visited as part of the Business Connection Program.

After Council selected their priorities for the coming year, Mr. Sumek suggested to Council that a Governance session could be held after Mr. Thomas E. Thomas has settled into his new position as City Manager. Mr. Sumek thanked the Council for a good two (2) days of discussion and accomplishments.

Following discussion, Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to recess to Monday, October 3, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 4:55 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk