

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

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2013
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The Rock Island City Council met at 8:00 am at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center at 4303 24th Street, Rock Island, Illinois for day two 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 8:10 am.

Mr. Rapp reviewed the progress made from Friday's session and briefly reviewed and discussed the highest priorities, in which those responses were previously provided by Council and staff. Mr. Rapp briefly discussed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and brought to Council's attention the list of strategic challenges that were identified from last year.

Mr. Rapp referred to the current list of Strategic Initiatives/Actions and advised that Council will start to refine the list by each section (strategic priorities). Mr. Rapp noted that Council will have the opportunity to discuss whether or not to keep the current items on the list, take items off of the list, add new items or change the dates of the items.

When directed to review the Strategic Initiatives / Action list, Council discussed several items they wished to combine under Infrastructure, which included completing the street condition survey and evaluate bonding to accelerate street improvements. It was noted that the date was also changed to 2014. Council also added several items under Infrastructure, which included policy review of sidewalks and alley maintenance policy review. The next category discussed was Financial Stability, in which a date change was identified for most of those items. After much discussion about the Economic Development category, Council consolidated and/or modified various actions steps including the comprehensive commercial retail strategy. Council discussed the Redevelopment category and modified several items, one of which included modifying the language as it related to conducting follow up implementation in one or more of the three targeted redevelopment areas analyzed in 2013. In the High Quality Service Delivery category, Council modified several items and discussed adding the item of ensuring clear, transparent and accurate facts on City projects and services.

At 11:01 am, Mayor Pauley and Alderman Murphy excused themselves from the meeting.

Council further discussed the Strategic Initiatives/Action list. After the initiatives were identified, Mr. Rapp stated that the five priorities have been validated and he would refine the information and the final product will be brought back to Council for final analysis.

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer, and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye

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and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 11:32 am.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk