

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

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The Rock Island City Council met at 1:00 pm at Hauberg Civic Center at 1300 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, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Staff present included City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager. Also present were City Attorney Dave Morrison and Lyle Sumek, Group Facilitator of Sumek and Associates. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 1:17 pm. City Attorney Morrison excused himself from the session at 3:00 pm and Alderman Foley excused himself from the session at 4:45 pm.

Mr. Sumek briefly discussed the Strategic Planning Model process, which included the Vision, Plan, Execution, Mission and Core Beliefs.

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; Adoption of the Downtown Revitalization Plan; new businesses including the FedEx facility, CVS, GTI facility and Missman Engineering; 21 new Downtown businesses; new housing developments including The Locks, Riverview Lofts and the Garden District; balanced budget with no property tax increase; road construction - reduced costs with hot-in place recycling program; Fire - lowered ISO rating from 4 to 3; lower crime rate; hired a retail consultant; and demonstration community garden on 7th Avenue.

A number of other successes were identified, some of which included; 800 MHz communication system implementation; secured resources for the Coretta Scott King Technology Center; Micro CIRLF loan program created; combined Crime Suppression Unit and Downtown Patrol Unit into one unit; purchase of a new water rescue boat; changed year-end to December 31st; substantial completion of the Wet Weather Treatment Plant; and outsourced on-street parking enforcement to Per Mar.

Following more discussion on the successes, Mr. Sumek and Council discussed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threat responses that were previously provided by Council and staff.

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; high speed internet; feasible infrastructure plan that is deliverable including streets and utilities; retail attraction; completion of the Walmart project; 18th Avenue corridor business development; increased attention and resources for College Hill; attracting young professionals and families as it relates to growing the population; expanding the tax base; and increasing rental housing downtown. Various Actions included; implementation of small items (parking and way finding signage) in the Downtown Plan; increase collaboration with Augustana College; groundbreaking of

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Walmart; make decision on the Water Treatment Filter Building; and RIFAC to be open all year long as it related to hours.

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

Mr. Sumek reviewed and discussed the action ideas. Mr. Sumek stated that on Saturday, Council will be focusing on and prioritizing the action ideas for 2015-2016 as well as reviewing the goals and vision and discussing some governance issues.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:30 am. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 4:56 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk