

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

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2010
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in reconvened session at 1:00 p.m. for the first day of the annual Goal Setting Session at the McKesson Building in the Community Room at 110 19th Street, Rock Island. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Terry M. A. Brooks I, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Staff present included City Manager John C. Phillips and Public Works Director Bob Hawes. Also present was Lyle Sumek, Group Facilitator of Sumek and Associates. Alderman David Conroy was absent.

Mr. Sumek and Council discussed and reviewed the new realities for City leaders as it relates to Turbulence in Our Changing World. Various realities discussed included; the current economic crisis; increasing demands for services; and the global outlook.

Following discussion on the realities, Council discussed the strategies, possible outcomes, key issues, directions and actions in regards to critical issues. In the area of economic development, various topics discussed included; the goals and desired outcomes for Rock Island; criteria for judging performance and results; and investment returns as it relates to the City. Another critical issue discussed was housing as it relates to the topics concerning the housing vision, goals and desired outcomes; the roles and responsibilities for the City in regards to the Rock Island Housing Authority, Community Housing Solutions, DARI and Renaissance Rock Island. Council also discussed the issue of crime perceptions versus reality as it relates to the topics of current programs and activities; concerns from residents in the community, expectations and desired outcomes; and following through on the Safer Community Task Force's recommendations.

Mr. Sumek and Council discussed the Downtown as it relates the City's role on the topics of empty storefronts; beautification and cleanup; safety; business development, marketing and riverfront programming. More discussion followed in regards to the Downtown and other areas in the City concerning the alcohol variable, hours, options and rates.

After more discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Brooks to recess to Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer excused himself from Goal Setting at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting was recessed at 5:28 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk