



Office of Mayor Thomas P. McNamara

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### Mayor McNamara Marks First 100 Days in Office *Notes Accomplishments and Challenges Ahead*

**ROCKFORD, ILL.** – Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara will mark his first 100 days in office on Tuesday, August 8, since being sworn in on May 1, 2017. He says he’s proud of what he’s accomplished in that time and looks forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead.

“We’ve been moving rapidly since May 1 and I’m pleased with our work,” said McNamara. “We have a strong leadership team in place and we’re working closely with our City Council members on a number of important initiatives. With so much on our plate, I expect our pace to quicken in the weeks and months ahead.”

Among the initiatives highlighting the mayor’s first 100 days:

- Provided an early voice in opposing the ICE Detention Center
- Named a new City Leadership team (with only one outstanding position remaining) within first 60 days.
- Launched early start to the 2018 budget process by appointing an experienced group of aldermen and community leaders to a Finance Task Force
- Visited Springfield to meet with legislative leaders on both sides of the aisle and testify in support of passing the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program
- Developed the Residential Tree Removal Loan Program
- Appointment of new members to policy boards and commissions with strong representation from women and minorities
- Attended regular meetings with neighborhood groups across the city and spoke at dozens of community events
- Named a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Municipal League, gaining a critical forum for state-level engagement on issues of importance to Rockford.

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- Visited with a wide range of City of Rockford employees and established monthly lunches to gain their input about City operations
- Launched a Strategic Planning Process with City Council to develop guiding principles for City's work
- Worked with the City Council to invest nearly \$1 million in new technology and resources for the Police Department
- Worked to develop a consolidated position within City organization to address neighborhood blight and demolition issues
- Met frequently with governmental leaders to seek out projects where collaboration and consolidation may bring cost savings and greater efficiencies
- Participated in internal City-wide disaster response exercise
- Worked to develop a City business liaison position to assist individuals seeking to start or expand a business
- Began process to create an advisory committee to review best practices and make it easier to do business in the city of Rockford
- Developed a framework program to proactively respond to domestic violence and human trafficking
- Began to develop a series of working meetings to help minority and women-owned companies both do business in Rockford and do business with the City of Rockford organization

**NOTE TO MEDIA:** Mayor McNamara will be available for interviews on Tuesday, August 8, from 1 to 2:30 in the Mayor's Office on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall.

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