# CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

4/14/2025 - Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

## 2. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Alderpersons Moses Robinson, Randy Hurt, Randy Tweet, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

## 5. Awards and Honor Presentations, Officer Swearing in Ceremony, and Proclamations

a. Proclamation declaring the week of April 21-25, 2025 as National Community Development Week to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. A photo was taken with Community Development Director Miles Brainard and Mayor Thoms.

b. Proclamation declaring April 5-11, 2025 as the Week of the Young Child.

Clerk Gange read the declaration. Mayor Thoms read his declaration.

## 6. Public Comment

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak.

Toni Bare spoke about the proposed “Public Participation” amendment.

Tim Murphy, Madelynn Markezich, Kelly McKay, Brian Ritter, Jared Logan and Jodi Zimmerman spoke about the proposed Casino West development.

Public Comment continued after item 16.

## 7. Update Rock Island

**Do you have old medications sitting around?**

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is coming up Saturday, April 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with easy drop-off locations in Rock Island County available for safe disposal of unused or unneeded prescription pills. Drop-off locations will be located at the Rock Island County Justice Center, Moline Police Department, East Moline Police Department, Silvis Police Department and the Milan Police Department.

**Learn more about West End Revitalization**

Stop by the MLK Center on Tuesday, April 29th to hear an update on West End Revitalization progress. An open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Staff will be sharing upcoming plans and ways the public can get involved in transforming the heart of our community. The Open House is free and open to all.

**Calling all artists!**

Thanks to a recent $5,000 grant award from the Quad City Arts Dollars program, the Rock Island Public Library is issuing a call to local artists to exhibit two-dimensional artwork in three shows this year at the Watts-Midtown Branch, 2715 30th Street.

The grant-funded project also includes a $300 stipend for each artist selected for a show. Larger works of original concept and design created within the last five years are preferred. For more information, go to rockislandlibrary.org.

To apply, artists should email the library's arts curator, David Zahn at dzahnkoi@yahoo.com by May 15th.

**8. Ordinances (First Readings)**

a. Report from Administration regarding an Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupational Tax for the City of Rock Island. (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to consider the ordinance; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

It was noted that this is not a new tax; the state eliminated the tax and Illinois cities have the ability to continue the tax. Many Illinois cities have already adopted it.

City Manager Todd Thompson said the $1 million in tax revenue collected from the grocery tax goes toward the general fund, which supports traditional public services.

Alderperson Parker indicated he was not in support of the ordinance.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-2-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Robinson and Parker. Absent: None.

b. Report from Administration regards amendments to Chapter 3, " Alcoholic Liquor" of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances. (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider the amendments to the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to consider the amendments to the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Some members expressed concerns about the City Council serving as the appeal body for liquor license denials and making decisions about whether to increase or decrease the caps on certain types of liquor license classes.

City Attorney Day explained that the only appeal process currently available other than the State of Illinois Liquor Commission is the Liquor Commissioner/Mayor - there is not a separate body locally to hear these appeals. The amendment would designate the City Council to hear the appeal and ensure all factors were considered.

Clerk Gange clarified that the previous Liquor Commission was not a decision-making body and only served in an advisory role to the Liquor Commissioner. She noted that the reason it was removed from the liquor code previously is because it wasn't very effective and it was difficult to get a hearing scheduled with all involved parties in a timely manner.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker made a motion to consider the three proposed amendments to the liquor ordinance as separate agenda items; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Clerk Gange read the first amendment to the ordinance, Sec. 3-3(b) and (c) which allows for the Mayor Pro Tem to act as Deputy Liquor Commissioner during a temporary absence of the Liquor Commissioner.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy made a motion to consider the amendment to the ordinance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Clerk Gange read the second amendment to the ordinance, Sec. 3-7(d)(3) which designates the City Council as the administrative body to hear the appeal of a liquor license denial from the Liquor Commissioner/Mayor.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker made a motion to consider the amendment to the ordinance; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Robinson. Absent: None.

Clerk Gange read the third amendment to the ordinance, Sec. 3-12(c), which would designate the City Council as the decision-making body to decide whether to increase or decrease the cap on certain classes of licenses.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet made a motion to consider the amendment to the ordinance: Alderperson Robinson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Attorney Day explained that there are caps on certain liquor licenses such as liquor stores, gas stations and taverns. As the code currently reads, the Liquor Commissioner has complete discretion on whether to increase or decrease the cap on these licenses. The proposed amendment to the ordinance would designate the City Council in deciding whether the cap should be increased or decreased based on a list of factors or what is in the best interest of the City.

Attorney Day clarified that the Liquor Commissioner approves the licenses, but this amendment designates the City Council as the body that makes the decision on whether a creation of an additional license is in the best interest of the City. It is still the Liquor Commissioner's duty and power to grant or deny the license.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker made a motion to amend the amendment to the ordinance to take effect in four years; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Some Council members expressed concern about waiting four years to implement this amendment.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet made a motion to table the amendment to the ordinance until the first City Council meeting in July; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the City Attorney regarding amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-40, "Conduct at Council Meetings" by repealing said section in its entirety and replacing it with a new section entitled "Public Participation." (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to amend the ordinance to remove section 3 related to allowing clapping and booing; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

DISCUSSION:

It was noted that all the neighboring communities have a 3-minute time limit on speaking.

Alderperson Tweet moved to table the item until the first City Council meeting in July; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 4-3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Tweet, Parker, Healy. Nay: Hurt, Swanson, Poulos. Absent: None.

d. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding an ordinance repealing Chapter 8, Article XIIA "Horse-Drawn Carriages and Vehicles" in its entirety. (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider repealing the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to consider repealing the ordinance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

Clerk Gange noted that the City would still know about events with horse-drawn carriages but will no longer be regulating it.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

e. Report from the Community Development Department regarding an Ordinance establishing a public hearing date on the proposed amendments to the existing Parkway/I-280 Casino Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider the ordinance; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Brainard confirmed that it is permissable for TIF funds to be used towards conservation efforts.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

f. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 500 9th Avenue for $350 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

g. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 510 14th Avenue for $525 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

h. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 512 9th Avenue for $325 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

i. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 518 14th Avenue for $554 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

j. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 525 5th Street for $1,104 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

k. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 624 7th Street for $880 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

l. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 715 12th Avenue for $372 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

m. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 800 11th Avenue for $317 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

n. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 815 12th Avenue for $378 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

o. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 901 11th Avenue for $365 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

p. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 917 11th Avenue for $660 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

q. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 1040 16th Street for $1 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

r. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 1100 6th Street for $686 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

s. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 1404 5 1/2 Avenue for $280 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

t. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 1129 10th Avenue for $625 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

u. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 916 7th Street for $705 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

v. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-Owned Property at 1929 9th Street for $1,016 plus closing costs. (First Reading).

Motion: Motion to approve the sales; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass ordinances f through v.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the sales; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances f through v; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

Community Development Director Brainard said there has been an increase in interest in people wanting to purchase City-owned properties. He noted that closing costs for these properties have significantly been reduced due to having the City Attorney on staff.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

w. Report from the Finance Department proposing an ordinance adding a new section 2-161 ("Collection Fees and Costs") to Article V, Division 1 ("Finance Generally") of the Municipal Code for the City of Rock Island, Illinois. (First Reading)

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| Motion: | Motion to consider the ordinance. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to consider the ordinance; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

City Manager Thompson explained that this would also allow additional costs and fees to be recouped compared to the current collection structure.

Finance Director Sager clarified that the collection fees would be for various loans such as CIRLF as well as other types of billable items that are outstanding. She said the City currently has a collection agency, but the City only collects a commission. The benefit of this collection agency is that the City will get 100 percent back. She further clarified that the ordinance was a suggestion by the collection agency firm, not a requirement.

Attorney Day explained that the ordinance is needed if the City is passing the collections fees directly to the debtor.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Parker. Absent: None.

**9. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions**

a. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department and City Clerk's Office regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th and 20th Streets on Thursday, July 3, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., along with a rain date of Friday, July 4, 2025, for the annual Red, White & Boom fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park; and, if postponed due to flooding, the event will be rescheduled to Saturday, September 27, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 28, 2025.

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| Motion: | Motion to adopt the Resolution. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adopt the Resolution; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

## 10. Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson so requests, in which case, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

a. Claims for the week of March 14 through March 21 in the amount of $395,654.36; for the week of March 21 through 27 in the amount of $1,317,445.01; for the week of March 28 through April 3 in the amount of $976,731.49; and payroll for the weeks of March 3, 2025 through March 16, 2025 in the amount of $1,839,138.90; and payroll for the weeks of March 17, 2025 through March 30, 2025 in the amount of $1,849,652.85.

b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of March 8 through March 21, 2025 in the amount of $29,605.02; and for the weeks of March 22 through April 4 in the amount of $29,761.66.

c. ACH Report for the month of February 2025 in the amount of $1,288,154.82.

d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of January 28, 2025 through February 26, 2025 in the amount of $72,502.62.

e. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Augustana College to use sound amplification on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Lindberg Stadium as part of the annual Slough Fest.

f. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Stormwater Utility Fund (507) in the amount of $16,538.70.

g. Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for garage door openers for all four (4) stations with a total of 17 openers, recommending the bid be awarded to Raynor Doors, Davenport, IA, in the amount of $43,690.

h. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding reimbursement of clean-up and reconstruction to Dillon Smith at 816 29th Street for damage to his basement due to a water main incident.

i. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding a payment in the amount of $18,633.49 to Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX for the ERP System implementation services using ARPA funds (unrestricted).

j. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $20,309.40 to System Innovators of Chicago, Illinois, for iNovah software annual support maintenance.

k. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $13,800 to NinjaOne for the Ticketing and Enterprise Pro annual support subscription.

l. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments to the Library Board and the Fire and Police Commissioners Board.

m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of two Fire Department vehicles from Sexton Ford, Moline, Illinois, in the amount of $108,656.

n. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of stainless steel water main repair clamps from Zimmer and Francescon, Inc., Moline, Illinois, for the amount of $15,721.83.

o. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Edgewater Resources, LLC, Madison, Wisconsin, for services provided in the month of March for the Sunset Marina 400 Dock Replacement Project in the amount of $12,149.

p. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of two change orders related to the 1405 36th Street Water Tower Maintenance Agreement in the amount of $35,775.

q. Report from the Public Works Department requesting adding the City's logo to the 1405 36th Street Water Tower at a cost of $17,796.

r. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2025 Pavement Marking Program recommending the bid be awarded to Ostrom Painting and Sandblasting, Inc., Rock Island, Illinois, for the amount of $107,685.

s. Report from the Police Department regarding the placement of "You Are Not Alone" Suicide Prevention signs at the base of the Centennial Bridge and the entrance to the Arsenal Bridge viaduct.

t. Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Closed Session.

u. Minutes from the March 24, 2025 Study Session and City Council meeting.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a through u. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through u; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**11. Claims/Purchases**

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for an emergency water main repair at 2100 6th Avenue in the amount of $10,400.34.

Motion: Motion to approve the claim.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to allow the claim; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

Alderperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**12. Contracts/Agreements**

a. Report from Administration regarding a Right of Entry Agreement with A HANNA ILLOWA LLC

Motion: Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Economic Development Director Flaherty clarified that this agreement was needed to protect the work that will be occurring on the development site. He said the developer requested the agreement to secure the site for preliminary maintenance. Attorney Day said the agreement does not indicate they are securing the site for construction, but securing the site for due-diligence activities, which is outlined as the comprehensive research and investigation process undertaken to assess the legal, financial and physical aspects of the property, such as environmental surveys.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker made a motion to amend the agreement and remove the fencing permission as part of the right-of-entry; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

Some members of council expressed concerns about not having the details from the developer regarding the fencing. City Manager Thompson said that one of the reasons the right of entry is needed is because if various agencies or the developer are conducting testing, they will need to secure the area to ensure safety.

Attorney Day said that typically during the due-diligence period, an agreement like this one is needed because it allows a developer to perform the site assessment and other required testing. During this time period, the developer is granted access to the site to perform these functions without trespassing. It is not a right of ownership.

It was noted that not every street or development is fenced off for access.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to table the agreement until the April 28, 2025, City Council meeting; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Letter of Intent to Sell 2001 5th Avenue and 2016 5th Avenue between Fresh Films and the City of Rock Island.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the letter of intent and direct staff to negotiate a development agreement. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the letter of intent and direct staff to negotiate a development agreement; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Letter of Intent to purchase Lot 2 of the Solomon Site between Ascentra Credit Union and the City of Rock Island.

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| Motion: | Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Intent and direct staff to negotiate a purchase agreement. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Intent and direct staff to negotiate a purchase agreement; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

d. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Consultant Services Agreement with Planet Holly.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

e. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding the 2025 Big Island Farm Lease.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

f. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding the 2025 Andalusia Road Farm Lease.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay:

None. Absent: None.

g. Report from the Finance Department regarding a two-year Collection Services professional services agreement with Municipal Collections of America, Inc.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the extension of the Levee and Right-of-Way Vegetations Control Contract for one year in the amount of $18,800.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve a one-year contract extension for JIMAX, Peoria, Illinois, in the amount of $18,800. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the one-year contract extension for JIMAX, Peoria, IL in the amount of $18,800; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**13. Department Reports**

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the Regional Analysis of Fair Housing Choice Impediments final draft and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment final draft.

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| Motion: | Motion to accept the Regional Analysis of Fair Housing Choice Impediments final draft and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment final draft |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to adopt the Regional Analysis of Fair Housing Choice Impediments final draft and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment final draft; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Brainard explained that staff have identified priorities from the final draft. The Strategic Housing Plan will also help guide the next steps and identify priority needs.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the adoption of the Rock Island Strategic Housing Plan.

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| Motion: | Motion to adopt the plan. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to adopt the plan; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Brainard explained that staff's main focus and priorities would be on attracting new housing development in the areas identified in the plan as well as recommending investments to be made on sites that are considered shovel-ready to attract new development. He noted staff would be implementing a few short-term administrative changes internally.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**14. Events/Misc Requests**

a. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from the Smoking Dog to close 2nd Avenue between 18th and 19th Streets for the annual Gamma Alpha Beta Fraternity Buckethead fundraiser benefiting Camp Kesem on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m until 6 p.m.; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the requests, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the requests, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Gary Barren to close 6th Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. for a block party.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the request as recommended. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Alderperson Moses Robinson regarding a request to close 6th Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt.

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| Motion: | Motion to approve the request as recommended. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**15. Rock Island Port Authority**

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| a. | Motion: | Motion to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting. |
| | RC | Voice vote is needed. |

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Other Business/New Business

Economic Development Manager Flaherty reported that staff received three requests for proposals for the Port Master Plan and are currently reviewing them.

c. Motion: Motion to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to exit the Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular meeting; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**16. Other Business/New Business**

Aldeperson Poulos read a statement received by former Alderperson Beth Mahlo regarding the Casino West development.

Alderperson Swanson spoke on behalf of several of her constituents, reminding others not to block sidewalks while parking.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:**

George Crouse, Justin Booker, Tabitha DeFrieze, Jane Kettering Bryant, Daniel DeShane, Lisa Stender, Silvis Alderman Craig Pirmann, Julie Good, and Elaine Bellhouse spoke about the proposed Casino West development.

Lisa Alonzo, Martin Chaney and Rudy Vallejo spoke about the Native American sign that was formerly located at the Watch Tower Plaza.

Dieonika Gray and Terray McDowell spoke about the officer-involved shooting of Jakarta Jackson.

**17. Closed Session**

a. **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding**

**shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

b. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (or legal counsel for the public body).**

Motion: Motion to go into Closed Session for the exceptions cited.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to enter closed session for the exceptions cited; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**18. Adjourn**

a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to April 28, 2025.

VV Voice vote is needed.

The City Council entered back into the open meeting at 10:03 p.m. The City Clerk called the role and all members of Council and the Mayor were present.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The meeting concluded at 10:03 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]