

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

6/23/2025 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Present: Alderpersons Glen Evans, Randy Hurt, Linda Barnes, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Ashley Harris.

Absent: Alderperson Jenni Swanson.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Moment of Silence

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

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

- a. Presentation of the history of the Police Chaplain and the swearing in of Police Chaplains Dr. Melvin Grimes and Margie Mejia-Caraballo.

Police Chief Tim McCloud explained the history of the Rock Island Police Chaplain program.

City Clerk Gange administered the oath of office to Police Chaplains Dr. Melvin Grimes and Margie Mejia-Caraballo. Photos were taken.

- b. Proclamation recognizing Our Community is Stronger than Cancer Day on June 28, 2025.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Marla Andich with the organization said a few words. A photo was taken.

- c. Proclamation declaring July 3, 2025 Red, White and Boom & Military and Arsenal Appreciation Day.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. A photo was taken with Rock Island Downtown Alliance Director Jack Cullen.

- d. Proclamation recognizing Illinois Casualty Company's 75th Anniversary.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Harris read his declaration. Illinois Casualty President/CEO Aaron Sutherland said a few words. A photo was taken.

6. Public Comment

Toni Bare spoke during the public comment.

Kelly McKay spoke about eagles.

7. Update Rock Island

West End Revitalization Meeting

The West End Revitalization invites the community to provide their input at a meeting on Tuesday, June 24th at the Martin Luther King Center from 5 to 7 p.m. West End Revitalization has received \$40,000 to be spent on community priorities, following a process called participatory budgeting. Come to the June 24th meeting to learn more and share your ideas.

Starlight Revue

The 69th Annual Starlight Revue continues in Lincoln Park every Tuesday with live music and dancing. This Tuesday, June 24, come see Josh Duffee Big Band. Next week on Tuesday, July 1, enjoy the music of Crooked Cactus. Concessions open at 5 p.m. with delicious food from the Hy-Vee Grill and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

First Ward Meeting

First Ward Alderman Glen Evans will hold a ward meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center, 630 9th Street. Join Alderman Evans, myself –Mayor Ashley Harris – and city staff to hear updates on the city and community projects. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Mayor Harris announced Consent Agenda Item 11g was removed from the agenda.

8. Public Hearings

- a. Public hearing regarding the River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of Rock Island.

Mayor Harris will close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. After all interested persons have commented, Mayor Harris will close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

Mayor Harris closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone was present to speak.

Alderperson Parker inquired whether the zone offers incentives for single-family residences. Community Development Director Brainard responded that assistance may be available for building materials on such projects. However, he noted that there are costs associated with enrollment and that the application process involves extensive paperwork, which may not result in a benefit. Director Brainard clarified that the application language does not exclude residential properties. He added that once the application is submitted to the state and approved, an ordinance will be brought before the council.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular council meeting.

9. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. An ordinance to rezone multiple properties at the southeast corner of 21st Avenue and 11th Street

from B-1 (neighborhood business) and R-2 (one- and two-unit residential) districts to B-3 (community business) district with an accompanying subdivision plat and zoning variances. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Barnes moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. An ordinance for an alleyway vacation south of 21st Avenue between 11th and 12th Street. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Barnes moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. An ordinance regarding the creation of a Cannabis Dispensary License and limiting the number of dispensaries within the City of Rock Island. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. An ordinance to install residential parking (Type B) on the east and west side of 21st Street from 16th to 18th Avenue and to install residential parking (Type B) on the west side of 22nd Street

from 16th to 18th Avenue and to ban parking on the east side. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

10. Ordinances (First Readings)

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding an ordinance designating an area as a River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of Rock Island, Illinois. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Council members thanked staff for their work. Director Brainard commented that if the state approves this zone, it will be the largest in Illinois.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of Lot 2 of the Solomon Site to Ascentra Credit Union. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to approve the sale agreement; authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the sale agreement; authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Director Brainard clarified that the Ascentra parcel is located on the north side, while the King Solomon parcel lies to the south. Several years ago, both parcels were designated for residential development; however, that project did not come to fruition.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Daniel Bounds to remove the handicapped parking space at 1529 10th Avenue. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion to consider the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. 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 Aldersperson 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 May 23 through May 29 in the amount of \$743,843.65; claims for the week of May 30 through June 5 in the amount of \$2,087,366.30; and payroll for the weeks of May 12, 2025 through May 28, 2025 in the amount of \$1,923,593.17.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of May 17 through May 30 in the amount of \$30,034.08.
- c. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding requests from Radicle Effect Brewerks to use sound amplification and to close the alley between Radicle Effect Brewerks and Skylight Luxury Lounge on Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. for their 13th anniversary celebration.
- d. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$11,340 to Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX for the ERP System implementation services using ARPA funds (unrestricted).

- e. Report from the Mayor's office regarding an appointment to the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment to United Rentals, Moline, Illinois, for a large forklift in the amount of \$25,000.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 to Summerset Marine Construction, Whitewater, Wisconsin, for the Sunset Marina Dock Replacement Project in the amount of \$402,121.80 using ARPA funds (unrestricted).
- h. Minutes from the June 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

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

Aldersperson Parker requested item f be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve consent agenda items a through e and h; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve item f from the Consent Agenda; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

12. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for an emergency storm sewer outfall repair at 31 Thornwood Court in the amount of \$25,185.35.

Motion: Motion to allow the claim.
 RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to allow the claim; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

13. Contracts/Agreements

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Amendment to the T-Mobile Lease for the Water Tower at 1405 36th Street.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the first amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Water Operations/Maintenance Fund (501) in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion:	Motion to approve the budget adjustment.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Barnes moved to approve the budget adjustment; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding approval of the Updated Citizen Participation Plan.

Motion: Motion to approve the updated Citizen Participation Plan.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the updated Citizen Participation Plan; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Director Brainard said the changes include updated language and a more clear definition of what a substantial amendment is. He provided an overview of the amendment process.

Aldersperson Parker encouraged the Community Development Department to learn more about the participatory budgeting process with regard to the West End Revitalization project.

Director Brainard explained that there is a statutory requirement for public engagement as part of the 5-year consolidated planning process, and they are limited in some ways in how they engage with citizens.

VOTE:

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

16. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Healy invited everyone to the Saukie Clubhouse ribbon-cutting on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

17. Adjourn

a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to July 14, 2025.
VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to adjourn the meeting; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Barnes, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.

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