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

10/13/2025 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Ashley Harris asked Interim City Clerk Amanda Torres to call the roll.

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

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, Interim City Clerk Amanda Torres, 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. Special Presentations

a. Rock Island Firefighters' and Police Pension Actuarial Presentation.

Finance Department Director Jessica Sager introduced Noelle Ness of Lauterbach and Amen, who appeared virtually. Ms. Ness said the current valuation of recommended contribution is $12,114,114 and the current valuation of unfunded liability is $128,192,600, with current valuation percent funded at about 38%. The Fire pension's transition contribution is $5,332,070 while the Police pension’s transition contribution is $6,055,079.

Ms. Ness explained that salary increases and actuarial experience were both greater than expected for Police and less than expected for Fire. She noted that the assumption change line is present this year, which is based on a comprehensive study that occurs every four to five years and looks at the decrements that go into the recommended contribution development in the actuary evaluations. The overall net increase of the recommended contribution reconciliation is just over $437,000 from prior recommendation.

Ms. Ness explained that the recommended contribution includes the employer normal cost and the payment towards unfunded liability, totaling $12,114,114 for the year. She discussed the demographic changes in the Fire pension and Police pension members and retirees during the fiscal year and the active age and service distributions. The current expected benefit payment for Fire and Police combined is about $11,660,700, with an expected increase over 5 years to $14.1 million and $16.1 million in 10 years.

Ms. Ness said the fair value of assets was $71,734,700 at the beginning of the fiscal year and ended the year with $78,610,000. The ratio of benefit payments to the fair value of assets was 17.14% for Fire and 13.34% for Police. The recommended alternative contribution targets 100% funded while the calculated alternative contribution targets 90% funded as dictated by the state. The total contribution for the Fire and Police funds is $10,304,613 this year.

Director Sager clarified that in the proposed budget is the state-mandated 90% funded as provided by Foster and Foster. Ms. Ness cautioned that by targeting 90% every year, it would ignore the 10% of unfunded liability and that number would grow as the payoff date draws closer. Director Sager explained they were trying to balance between trying to get it funded by 2040 while keeping property taxes as low as possible.

b. Urban Agriculture Ordinance Presentation

Community Development Director Miles Brainard provided an overview of the extensive and diverse amount of urban agricultural activity taking place in the City. He explained that city codes have not established common sense regulations for these activities, leading to conflict between neighboring property owners. He added that several vacant lots in the West End have been used for gardening. However, not all of them are well maintained, causing issues for residents.

Director Brainard explained that the proposed ordinance would establish maintenance standards for gardens and allow staff to issue citations when gardens are not being appropriately tended to or when nuisances are created and property owners would be responsible for fixing the issue. The ordinance would also establish buffer zones around vacant lots to prevent encroachment onto the right-of-way and neighboring properties. He clarified that the height restriction for vegetables grown in front yards has been removed from the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would have no effect on chicken keeping and beekeeping, and a chicken license would no longer be required. Larger properties in southwest Rock Island would be allowed to keep livestock with a special approval process and allow the use of goats for vegetation control. He added that the ordinance would also allow residents with unique and unforeseen circumstances to request a variance or special use permit.

Director Brainard said, given that concerns remain, staff suggest that the proposed ordinance be postponed until the first council meeting in January 2026 in order to address them. He said staff would look to address rainwater collection as mosquitoes have become an issue. Moving forward, he recommended finding appropriate accommodations to engage with residents who are not English speakers.

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

a. Presentation of the 2025 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Alderperson Parker exited the meeting at 6:23 p.m.
Alderperson Parker entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Labor Day Parade Advisory Board member Grace Shirk thanked those who helped organize and support the parade and announced the winners of each category. Mayor Harris presented each winner with a trophy and photos were taken.

The award for Mayor's Choice was presented to Skellington Manor. A slideshow presentation was given featuring the participants. A photo was taken.

Mayor Harris announced that items 6b and 9 have been removed from the agenda.

b. Proclamation honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Rock Island County Democratic Women's Club.

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Public Comment

Shellie Moore Guy spoke about blighted properties and gardens in the West End.

Bryce Wolfford and Hannah Farrell spoke about the Third Place.

Ron Lund, Dwight Ford, and Rasheeda Jamison spoke about the proposed Social Services License Ordinance.

Derek Penn and Sandy DeMeyer spoke about gunfire at a local bar in their neighborhood.

8. Update Rock Island

Fright Night in the Park
Get your costumes ready for a free Halloween event just for kids! Goodwill of the Heartland and Rock Island Parks and Recreation proudly present Fright Night in the Park on Thursday, October 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. This fun and safe Halloween event will feature trick-or-treating, a costume contest, a live DJ and dance performances. The first 500 children will receive a free goodie bag. Secret guest judges will roam the park, awarding costume contest prize certificates to those with the best costumes.

Free Public Lecture Series
The Frieze Lectures, a free public lecture series at the Rock Island Public Library, continues for its 28th year from October 23rd to November 13th.

This year’s series will consider subjects related to death, dying and mortality through the lenses of psychology, art, poetry and anthropology. All presentations begin at 2 p.m. at Downtown Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street. The lectures are open to the public and free of charge. The first lecture on October 23rd is titled “Death and the Psychologist” presented by Dr. Jayne Rose, professor emerita of psychology.

9. Public Hearings

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Passage of Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An ordinance establishing regulations on urban agriculture. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Evans moved to pass the ordinance.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION:

Alderperson Barnes moved to postpone until the first meeting in January 2026; Alderperson Parker seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Many Council members discussed their reasoning to postpone. Alderperson Evans disagreed due to the number of issues with gardens in the First Ward.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a resolution providing for a feasibility study on the designation of the North Rock Island Port District Redevelopment Plan and Project Area.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Director Brainard clarified that the exact boundaries were being explored and the boundaries presented were the most extensive that have been discussed so far.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from Administration regarding a resolution exempting The Third Place QC from the City's Moratorium on New Social Service Uses.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Evans seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Parker explained that he did not support the resolution from a process perspective as a moratorium was in place for a reason, but he supported grandfathering the organization in from the proposed ordinance.

VOTE:

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

11. Ordinances (First Readings)

a. Report from General Administration regarding an ordinance establishing a social services license. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Hurt clarified that there would not be a cap on the licenses under the proposed ordinance.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Eugene Neal, 1201 18th Avenue, to install a handicapped parking space north of his driveway on 12th Street. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request and petition from Benjamin DeBisschop to remove the residential parking zone on the west side of 22nd Street from 16th to 18th Avenue. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

d. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request and petition from Benjamin DeBisschop to update the No Parking zone on the east side of 22nd Street from 16th to 18th Avenue to include "On School Days from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM". (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Community Development Department regarding amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance for Accessory Buildings and Dwellings in Residential Districts. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Community Development Department regarding amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance for retail tobacco businesses. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

g. Report from Administration regarding a real estate agreement for the sale of 2001 5th Avenue and 2016 5th Avenue to Fresh Films LLC. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. 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 September 12 through September 18 in the amount of $496,964.58; claims for the week of September 19 through September 25 in the amount of $1,142,485.88; and payroll for the weeks of September 1, 2025 through September 14, 2025 in the amount of $1,888,366.69.

b. ACH Report for the month of September 2025 in the amount of $1,294,844.67

c. Purchase Card Claims for the period of July 29, 2025 through August 26, 2025 in the amount of $76,710.33

d. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the annual renewal of the Fleet and Fuel Software maintenance contract.

e. Minutes from the September 22, 2025 City Council Meeting.

f. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the renewal of the Milestone maintenance agreement in the amount of $37,780.00 to Tri-City Electric, Davenport, Iowa for video recording software used for video surveillance of city buildings.

g. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $10,486.00 to GovermentJobs for the past due payment of the maintenance contract for NEOGOV for the term April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2024.

h. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding a payment in the amount of $31,395.00 to Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX for the new time clocks.

Motion: Motion to approve consent agenda items a through h.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through h; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Hurt requested a review for all previous and new Council regarding internal operations and Council expenses.

VOTE:

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

13. Claims/Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to J.C. Dillon, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, for Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program repairs in the amount of $125,726.72.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment to Miller Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for an emergency water main repair at 4313 29th Avenue in the amount of $43,152.09.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Crawford Company, Rock Island, Illinois, for the Sunset Marina Electrical Upgrades Project in the amount of $81,787.77.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Summerset Marine Construction, Whitewater, WI, for the Sunset Marina Dock Replacement Project in the amount of $957,480.25.

Motion:	Motion to allow claims a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to allow claims a through d; Alderperson Evans 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: Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: None.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield, Illinois, for the 85th Avenue West and Rock Island Parkway Intersection Project in the amount of $158,398.89.

Motion: Motion to allow the claim.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to allow the claim; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Public Works Department requesting authorization to purchase holiday decorations from Holiday Outdoor Decor, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in the amount of $12,422.

Motion: Motion to approve the purchase.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the purchase; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Contracts/Agreements

a. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the 31st Street Reconstruction Project (ARPA restricted funds) extending the project completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

b. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project (ARPA restricted funds) extending the project completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

c. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the Federal Courthouse Project (ARPA restricted funds) extending the project completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

d. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the 35th Street Parkway Project (ARPA restricted funds) extending the project completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

e. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the Southwest Treatment Plant Project (ARPA restricted funds) extending the project completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Inter-Agency Agreements a through e and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to motion to approve Inter-Agency Agreements a through e and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Evans seconded.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Thompson explained that the money for ARPA had to either be spent or obligated by a certain date and one method to obligate funds was to have an inter-agency agreement for a specific purpose and dollar amount to meet the federal requirement.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from General Administration regarding amendments to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) with the Finance Department for the continued administration of ARPA funds increasing the amount by $109,075.82 (ARPA Restricted) for salaries and benefits and extending the completion deadline from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the amendments and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Director Sager explained that ARPA funds were allocated towards 80% of the ARPA Manager's salary, and since the position has been terminated, the funds will be allocated to a portion of the salaries of employees who will be taking on those duties. She emphasized that it would not be additional money to those salaries, and ARPA funds would be used to pay for a portion of their salaries rather than the General Fund. She added that those funds could be moved to another inter-agency agreement should Council disapprove.

VOTE:

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

g. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the Rock Island Parkway project, decreasing the amount by $175,311.11 (ARPA Restricted) for a total project amount of $175,375.11.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

h. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the purchase of fire trucks, increasing the amount by $40,659.26 (ARPA Restricted) for unbudgeted equipment and hardware.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Evans moved to approve the amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

i. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for the installation of the P25 Station Alerting System, increasing the amount by $19,737.53 (ARPA Restricted) to cover expanded project costs and ongoing maintenance.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

j. Report from General Administration regarding an amendment to the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAI) for public safety initiatives increasing the amount by $5,902.50 (ARPA Restricted) for a total project amount of $257,902.50.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

k. Report from the Legal Department regarding the authorization of a settlement in 2019 L34.

Motion:	Motion to authorize the settlement payment.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Evans moved to authorize the settlement payment; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for a sanitary main replacement between 42nd to 43rd Street south of 29th Avenue be awarded to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of $183,612.34.

Motion:	Motion to award the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to award the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Parking Lot and Dumpster Enclosure Easement Agreement with Modern Woodman for 1st Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

15. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $45,500.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $3,000.

c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $30,000.

d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $200,000.

e. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $25,000.

f. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (900) in the amount of $75,000.

g. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Downtown TIF Fund (409) in the amount of $12,422.

Motion: Motion to approve budget adjustments a through g.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Evans moved to approve budget adjustments a through g; Alderperson Barnes seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Martin Luther King Jr. Center Director Jerry Jones said staff will analyze the allocation of funds to ensure the City has every opportunity to invest in the West End. He clarified that, although some line items may be described as Consulting Services, it may be payment to people in the West End for providing needed services.

VOTE:

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

16. Rock Island Port Authority

a. Motion: Motion to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to close the regular meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Other Business/New Business

Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty announced that there will be two events on October 22. A SWOT workshop will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and an open house will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. He referenced a flyer for the events and read the steering committee's recently-adopted mission and vision statements.

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

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Alderperson Hurt discussed the issue of mini-bikes speeding in the area with Police Chief Tim McCloud. Chief McCloud explained how pursuing them can create a threat to the community, but if officers are able to conduct an investigation, they may be able to impound the vehicle and issue tickets to the driver.

Alderperson Evans voiced his concern about gunfire on 14th Street between 12th & 13th Avenues. Chief McCloud announced that an arrest had been made.

Alderperson Parker suggested looking at how other municipalities regulate e-bikes, as it may be helpful to regulate mini-bikes.

Council discussed the issues regarding DeAnna's Place and offered suggestions on how to proceed.

18. Closed Session

a. **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 enter Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to enter Closed Session for the exception cited; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

Council entered Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

19. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn to October 27, 2025.

Motion:	Motion to adjourn.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

After reconvening the regular meeting, Interim Clerk Torres called the roll. All Council members and Mayor Harries were present.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adjourn; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

The Council meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]