

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

4/22/2026 - Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Poulos called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Pro Tem Poulos asked City Clerk Amanda Torres to call the roll.

Present: Alderpersons Glen Evans, Randy Hurt, Linda Barnes, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, and Mark Poulos.  
Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Amanda Torres, and other City Staff.

Alderman Bill Healy arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Mayor Ashley Harris arrived at 9:42 a.m.

**3. Public Comment**

No one was signed up to speak.

**4. Strategic Planning Workshop**

The workshop was led by Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies staff Mel Henricksen, Alli Aiston, and Andy Blanke.

Council members and City staff introduced themselves and shared their vision of Rock Island in 5–10 years.

Mr. Blanke presented economic and community demographic information and projections for future growth.

The results of the stakeholder input sessions with Council members, City staff, businesses, and residents were shared by Ms. Henricksen.

Participants were divided into small groups to evaluate current and future obstacles, challenges, and priorities facing the City and shared their results with the other groups.

Participants broke for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

Participants were divided into small groups to develop and prioritize strategic short-term and long-term goals and objectives needed to achieve the future vision and shared their results with the other groups.

Clerk Torres exited the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Aldersperson Swanson exited the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Clerk Torres reentered the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Ms. Henriksen led further discussion on identifying internal and external factors that could assist in helping identify the City's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. She said a plan would be formulated from the information gathered during the workshop.

## 5. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to April 27, 2026.

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 3:15 pm.

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