

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

4/27/2026 - 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 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, 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. Vote to Approve Agenda

- a. Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the agenda.
- RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Bill Healy moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 12, letter C; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Healy read a statement to clarify the reason:

"I am requesting that this item be removed from the agenda, as Bridges Catering is withdrawing from consideration for this contract. I want to be clear about the facts. I do not own Bridges Catering; the business is owned by my parents. I work there in an operational capacity as an employee, and I do not receive any profits, distributions, or financial benefit tied to this contract. Bridges Catering was approached by RIFAC and it was requested that a bid be submitted for RIFAC's preschool program. Bridges Catering did NOT seek this contract. This is not a violation of city policy and not a violation of any state laws. Despite that, this issue has been mischaracterized publicly and has created a distraction from the City's work. I am not going to continue to engage in that. This decision is not based on any legal conflict or wrongdoing, but simply because it is not

worth pursuing under these circumstances. It is unfortunate that this will likely result in the contract being awarded to a business outside of Rock Island instead of supporting a local company, but I am confident this is the right decision so the City can move forward."

VOTE:

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker motioned to approve the amended agenda; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

6. Public Comment

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

Amir Rashid shared his concerns about stolen cars in the City.

Emily Jawcisz spoke about the need for more community gardens in the West End.

7. Update Rock Island

Yard of the Month

Do you have a neighbor with a beautiful yard? The public is invited to help the Arts & Beautification Commission by nominating a property for the 2026 Yard of the Month awards. This award is voted on each month from April to September. Submit an address with a photo to Kathy Douglass at douglass.kathryn@rigov.org.

During the Commission's monthly meeting, a slideshow of the submitted properties will be reviewed and a winner will be chosen. A certificate will then be presented in person to the winning homeowner. A decorative wooden sign will also be placed in the yard until the next month's winner is selected. Join us in celebrating our beautiful Rock Island neighborhoods, and the care and hard work done by our neighbors! Deadlines for the monthly submission of a property are May 12, June 9, July 7, August 11 and September 9.

The Summer Activity Guide for the Parks and Recreation Department is here!

Summer camps, swim lessons, youth sports, fitness classes, special events, golf and more. There's something for all ages to enjoy. Registration opens TODAY, April 27th. View the guide and just click on an activity to register: www.rigov.org/activityguide
Make plans now for a fun summer!

Learn about the Southwest Rock Island Wetlands

The City of Rock Island and Augustana College will co-host a public information meeting on our partnership to study the Southwest Rock Island Wetlands and the status of the proposed Land and Water Reserve of 550 acres. The public information meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Augustana College, Hanson Hall, room 234. Through the partnership, Augustana students and faculty will contribute applied research and data analysis to help inform the City’s long-term conservation and management decisions.

8. Passage of Ordinances

- a. An ordinance to modify the parking in front of the former YWCA at 229 16th Street. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- b. An ordinance to install a handicapped parking space in front of 1912 10th Street. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

9. Ordinances (First Readings)

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a TIF-funded housing rehabilitation pilot program. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Legal Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Liquor" Sec. 3-11 (a)(3) "License Options, Live Entertainment - Continuous". (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson, Parker.
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 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 April 3 through April 9 in the amount of \$1,207,752.07; claims for the week of April 10 through April 16 in the amount of \$1,011,823.91; and Payroll for the weeks of March 30, 2026 through April 12, 2026 in the amount of \$1,930,150.06.
- b. ACH Report for the month of March 2026 in the Amount of \$1,062,277.49
- c. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Augustana College to use sound amplification on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a concert.
- d. Minutes from the April 13, 2026 City Council meeting.

Motion: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a through d.

RC

Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through d; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

11. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$10,820.45 to Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX using ARPA funds (unrestricted).
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$34,544.96 to Factor Technology Solutions, Inc of Davenport, IA.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$10,800 to Kraft Power Corporation, Gaylord, MI for service work.

Motion: Motion to allow claims a through c.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow claims a through c; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Evans, Barnes, Swanson, Parker.

Nay: None. Absent: None.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$26,068.49 to Miller Trucking & Excavating, Silvis, IL for an emergency sewer main repair.

Motion: Motion to allow the claim.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to allow the claim; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

Aldersperson 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: Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson.
Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. Contracts/Agreements

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding agreement with Streamline Architects for design services for gateway improvements near the IL-92/I-280 interchange.

Motion: Move to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications .

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the bids for the Central Firestation ADA Bathroom Renovation at 1313 5th Avenue.

Motion: Motion to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker asked Community Development Director Miles Brainard who the contractor is for the project. Mr. Brainard said the contractor was Chenoweth.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding bids for meal catering service for

RIFAC's preschool program, recommending the bid be awarded to Bridges Catering.

- Motion: Motion to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, subject to minor attorney modifications.
- RC Roll Call vote is needed.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- d. Report from the Police Department regarding approval to enter into a two-year agreement with Quicket Solutions for the City's parking enforcement program.

- Motion: Move to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications.
- RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker asked if this means parking will soon be enforced downtown. City Manager Todd Thompson said yes, but a public information campaign would be implemented to help inform the public.

VOTE:

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

13. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF 6 Century Woods Fund (406) in the amount of \$137,563.87.
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF 3 North 11th Street Fund (401) in the amount of \$200,000.
- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Port District TIF Fund (410) in the amount of \$100,000.
- d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF 11 Downtown Fund (409) in the amount of \$27,697.

Motion: Motion to approve budget adjustments a through d.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to approve budget adjustments a through d; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the allocation of the 2026 Public Service funding.

Motion: Motion to approve the 2026 Public Service Funding applicants and amounts.
RC A Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the 2026 Public Service Funding applicants and amounts; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

Aldersperson Swanson recused herself from the vote due to her husband's position on the MLK Center Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker said it was a good thing the City has diversified Community Development Block Grant funding and that the City should continue funding the MLK Center through other sources.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the 2026 CDBG Annual Action plan as recommended.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson motioned to approve the 2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson.

Nay: Parker. Absent: None.

15. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding requests from La Playa to use sound amplification and to close 2nd Avenue between 18th and 19th Streets on Saturday, May 16 from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a festival; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol.

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:

Aldersperson 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.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson, Parker.

Nay: None. Absent: None.

16. Other Business/New Business

No new business was discussed.

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.**

Motion: Motion to enter Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to enter into Closed Session for the exceptions cited; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

Council entered Closed Session at 6:17 p.m.

18. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to May 11, 2026.

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

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]