

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

Rock Island County Office Building, County Chambers 3rd Floor  
1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

5/20/2024 - Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Thoms called the Study Session meeting to order at 6:00 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, Kevin Maynard, 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. Public Comment**

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. No residents were signed up to speak.

**4. Presentations**

- a. Presentation from Interim Chief McCloud on ARPA Public Safety Funds.

Interim Police Chief Timothy McCloud said the highest number of fatal accidents involving teenage drivers occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day. To be proactive, the Rock Island Police Department (RIPD) intends to hold weekly traffic enforcement details using ARPA funds set aside for public safety. They will be focusing on speeding, seatbelt enforcement and distracted driving, especially in high traffic areas. Bicycle patrols will be implemented downtown and in the surrounding areas. ARPA funds will also be used to install solar-powered, radar signs in school zones.

Chief McCloud discussed other ways the Police Department is addressing crime and violence in the area. RIPD is in the planning stages of special assignments involving officers in plain clothes and using unmarked squad cars in high crime areas. Additionally, RIPD, in partnership with Family Resources, recently launched the Group Violence Intervention Program, or GVI, in an effort to reduce violent crimes and help deter people from committing future crimes. Chief McCloud also noted RIPD works with the Community Caring Conference to create block clubs, build neighborhood relationships and establish neighborhood watches.

**5. Adjourn**

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

The study session concluded at 6:11 p.m.