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

2/12/2024 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:45 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, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Moment of Silence

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

5. Public Comment

Amanda Buckanan spoke during public comment regarding a Special Use Permit request at 2215 25th Avenue. She said she was a neighbor of the property and did not see any harm in granting the Special Use Permit as it is only temporary, and the trailers parked are not a concern as they are in a wooded area.

6. Minutes

a. Minutes from the January 22, 2024 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the minutes as printed.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

a. Minutes from the December 11, 2023 Closed Session.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Close Session Minutes.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

a. Proclamation declaring February 2024 Black History Month in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Ms. Bonnie Ballard, President of the NAACP Rock Island branch, accepted the award and spoke about Black History. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

b. 2023 Bob Towler Memorial Residential Beautification Award.

Mayor Thoms announced that Marvel Green was the winner of the 2023 Bob Towler Beautification Award for her beautiful yard. Ms. Green was present to accept her award and a photo was taken with Mayor Thoms.

c. 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.

Mayor Thoms announced the 2023 Commercial Beautification Award winner was Big JJ Chicken and Fish for their signage, new fence, painting, and other outside improvements. Mayor Thoms presented the award to the owner and a photo was taken.

d. Presentation of Police Service Awards.

Chief Richard Landi and Mayor Thoms presented police service awards. The following officers were recognized: Officer Ryan Barnett, Life Saving Award; Officer Drake Schroeder, Distinguished Service Bar; Field Training Officer Eugene Barrera, Certificate of Recognition; Officer Brian Manecke, Certificate of Recognition; Officer Brian Thompson, Certificate of Recognition; Officer Matthew Buddy, Crash Reconstruction Specialist Certificate; and Officer Jacklyn Young, Crash Reconstruction Specialist Certificate. All that were present had a photo taken with Mayor Thoms.

9. Update Rock Island

Show some love by supporting the Community Comforts Drive.
The Rock Island Public Library is hosting its Community Comforts Drive through the month of February. The library has partnered with the Heart of Hope Outreach Center and the Rocky Resource Room at Rock Island High School to take donations of household supplies and personal care items.Bright pink donation boxes are available until March 1 at all three library locations. Donations could include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soaps, toilet paper, toothpaste, new socks, laundry detergent, diapers, and more.

Heart of Hope Ministries operates a community outreach office at 1740 9th Avenue, Rock Island, that offers a drop-in food pantry and weekly homebound delivery option. Rocky Resource Room, located at Rock Island High School, provides a discreet, no-judgment way for high school, junior high, and elementary school students and families to pick up food, clothing and personal care supplies.

Do you need help filing taxes?
The Martin Luther King Center is offering FREE tax preparation service for families with household incomes of $64,000 or less. Each year United Way Quad Cities helps hundreds of local families prepare their income taxes, free of charge, with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The MLK Center is one of eight sites that will host the VITA program. The center will be a walk in only in-person tax filing site with volunteers available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Mayor Thoms acknowledged Fleet Manager Alan Vanderheyden and thanked him for his 25 plus years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

10. Ordinances

a. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor of the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances and adopting a new Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance. (Second Reading)

Motion: Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

b. A Special Ordinance establishing a residential parking zone on the east and west side of 10th Street north of 25th Avenue to the dead end. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. A Special Ordinance regarding the removal of a handicapped parking space at 1236 24th Avenue. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

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 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 January 5 through January 11, 2024 in the amount of $1,753,124.62; for the week of January 12 through January 18, 2024 in the amount of $436,557.08; and payroll for the weeks of December 11 through December 24, 2023 in the amount of $1,690,601.74, December 25, 2023 through January 7, 2024 in the amount of $1,782,396.71., and January 8 through January 21, 2024 in the amount of $1,924,569.07

b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of December 30 through January 12, 2024, in the amount of $32,121.66.

c. ACH Payments for the month of December 2023 in the amount of $1,936,392.63.

d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of November 28 through December 26, 2023 in the amount of $103,088.94.

e. Report from the IT Department regarding the annual software maintenance renewal agreement with Harris Northstar from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 in the amount of $61,474.13 (8% increase from the previous year).

f. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the purchase of a John Deere Utility Tractor from River Valley Turf, Inc. in the amount of $25,980.88.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $37,073.76 to Utility Service Co. Inc., Dallas, Texas, for services provided at the 2215 16th Avenue water tower for 2024.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $247,203.00 to Utility Service Co. Inc., Dallas, Texas, for services provided at the 2920 24th Street water tower for 2024.

i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $15,000.00 to Utility Service Co. Inc., Dallas, Texas, for services provided at the 3913 31st Avenue water tower for 2024.

j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $273,899.00 to Utility Service Co. Inc., Dallas, Texas, for services provided at the 1405 36th Street water tower for 2024.

k. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize an emergency purchase in the amount of $41,552.66 to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc., Calumet City, Illinois, for Water Treatment Plant chlorine equipment.

l. Report from the Public Works Director to authorize a purchase in the amount of $20,959.70 to Toter Inc., Statesville, North Carolina, for refuse carts and lids.

m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $15,000.00 to Utility Service Co. Inc., Dallas, Texas, for services provided at the 1413 42nd Avenue water tower for 2024.

n. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to purchase a single axle dump truck body replacement for the amount of $16,918.30 from Bonnell Industries, Inc., Dixon, Illinois.

o. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2024 Municipal Tree Contract recommending the bid be awarded to Advantage Tree Services an Arbor Masters Company of Davenport, IA in the amount of $46,664.96.

p. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a bid in the amount of $22,018.25 to Lohman Earth Works of Davenport, Iowa, for the 2024 Tree Planting Contract.

q. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a spare snow plow assembly for the amount of $16,320.00 from Bonnell Industries, Inc., Dixon, Illinois.

r. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $44,987.13 to Brandt Construction, Milan, Illinois, for an emergency storm water culvert repair under the City's SWRI railroad tracks.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve Consent Agenda items a through r.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve consent agenda items a through r; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Claims/Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $83,957.55 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for the Water Service Repair Program (WSRP) and Sewer Later Repair Program (SLRP) repairs.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $15,308.31 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for an emergency storm sewer repair at 2060 45th Street.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of IDOT's acceptance of the low bid to Valley Construction of Rock Island, Illinois in the amount of $1,389,515.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $269,009.16 to Five Cities Construction, Coal Valley, Illinois, for the Augustana Sewer Relocation Project.

Motion: Motion whether or not to allow claims items a through d.

RC Roll Call vote is needed,

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to allow claim items a through d; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of eight (8) 2024 Ford F150 XL 4X4 Pickups from Sexton Ford Inc. of Moline, Illinois in the amount of $347,592.00.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of three (3) 2024 Ford F350 XL 4X4 Chassis Cabs from Sexton Ford Inc. of Moline, Illinois in the amount of $148,734.00.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of two (2) 15 passenger vans for the Martin Luther King Center from Sexton Ford Inc. of Moline, Illinois, in the amount of $109,126.00.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve purchases e through g as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve purchases a through g; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

h. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize the Illinois State Contract purchase of sixteen (16) 2024 Chevrolet Malibu Sedans from Green Family Chevrolet of East Moline, Illinois in the amount of $406,240.48.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to authorize the Illinois State Contract purchase as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to authorize the Illinois State Contract purchase as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $22,959.98 (ARPA unrestricted funds) to Edgewater Resources, LLC of Madison, Wisconsin for engineering and design services for Sunset Marina.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve payment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the payment as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts / Agreements

a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a contract with Gold Wave, Inc. for Environmental Site Assessments at the Solomon Site in the amount of $12,900.00.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community & Economic Development Director Miles Brainard provided an update on the project. He explained that staff has been working with Gorman Group, a developer out of Wisconsin, for several years in an attempt to develop the property for housing. The developer is still in need of additional financing to complete the project and is in the process of applying for state tax credits. Mr. Brainard remarked on the difficulty of securing these types of tax credits. However, Gorman continues to move in the right direction and staff remain hopeful they will be able to secure these credits sometime in the near future. In the meantime, staff are working to complete as much site readiness work as possible in order to move the project along. The City's contributions to this project include providing the land at a very reasonable price as well utilize Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with making the site ready for development.

In response to questions about the City's total costs and time invested in this project, Mr. Brainard explained he didn't have a specific dollar amount on hand but could provide it for members. He said the total length of the project is at least seven years if not longer. The Gorman Group got involved with the project a few years ago around the time of the pandemic. The estimated completion date of this project is unknown at this time, but staff hope that if Gorman is able to secure the tax credits in the next year, the project could be completed in two to three years. However, there are many other factors that play into the completion of the project.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a contract with Surdex Corporation for an Aerial Mapping Project.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manger to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding an Art Program Services Agreement with Quad City Arts.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

Absent: None.

d. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a Certified Local Government grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the grant agreement and authorize the City Manger to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the grant agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding an updated license agreement with the Quad City Botanical Center Foundation for City-owned property at 2401 3rd Avenue.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the license agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a single source procurement of the cultural liaison.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the single source procurement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the single source procurement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of the First Amendment to the Site Lease Agreement with T-Mobile.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the amendment to the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the amendment to the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended documents; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Ordinances with Reports from Departments

a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a Special Use Permit request from Liam Hammond at 2215 25th Avenue. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to deny the request.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to deny the request; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Liam Hammond addressed Council and explained that he is an investor from Florida and recently purchased property in Rock Island and temporarily needs space to store his trailers until he can build a permanent structure, weather depending. He said the property is set back in a wooded area, and he has invested in security cameras around the site where the trailers are parked. The temporary plan is to put gravel down to the back of the property before the building of the home as it can easily be removed.

Mr. Brainard said that the Planning Commission and staff had recommended denying the request, but prepared a Special Ordinance as an option if Council members decided they wanted to move forward with the request. The details of the ordinance allow for a one-year Special Use Permit as well as additional stipulations about the condition of the site after the one-year period is expired.

Alderperson Swanson moved to withdraw her motion to deny the request; Alderperson Parker withdrew his motion.

Alderperson Parker moved to not deny the request and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department Regarding a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure and the Transfer of Property at 3326 and 3332 7th Avenue to Augustana College.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreements and transfer of property and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the agreements and transfer of property and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Resolutions with Reports from Departments

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution declaring support for the submittal of a RAISE Grant application for the US 67 (11th Street) Infrastructure Improvement, 31st Avenue to 46th Avenue Project.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adopt the resolution as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment in the amount of $83,336.00 for CY 2024 to the MLK Department of Human Services Fund (906).

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to CY 2023 for the Health Insurance Fund (626) in the amount of $349,213.11.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve budget adjustments a and b as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve budget adjustments a and b as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the Finance Department requesting a budget carryover from CY 2023 in the amount of $300,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund (301).

d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 in the amount of $298,030.44 in the Community Development Block Grant Fund (242).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve budget carryover items c and d as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve budget carryover items c and d as recommended; Alderperson

Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Department Reports

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a three-year contract agreement with Faternal Order of Police (FOP) from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the the proposed labor agreement as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval to surplus the City's 1983 Galion Motor Grader.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve that the equipment be declared surplus as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the equipment be declared surplus as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

18. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments to the Community

Development Commission, Labor Day Advisory Board, Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board and the Police Community Relations Commission.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

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MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the appointments and reappointment as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Events/Misc Requests

a. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Steve's Old Time Tap to hold an outdoor event with music for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with street closures on 17th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, and 3rd Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets; a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area in the adjacent parking lots; and a request for sound amplification.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the event and requests as recommended; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being shut down early if complaints are received.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the event and requests as recommended; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being shut down early if complaints are received; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

Alderperson Healy recused himself from the vote due to owning the parking lot.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern for an outdoor heated tent event with live music for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the event and requests as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the event and requests as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding an Activity application from The Smoking Dog for an outdoor tented event for the annual Gamma Alpha Beta Fraternity Buckethead fundraiser benefiting Camp Kesem on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, recommending approval of the permit fee waiver and the outdoor consumption of alcohol.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the event and requests; subject to complying with all liquor regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations; and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the event and requests; subject to complying with all liquor regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations; and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

City Clerk Gange explained that this event might be moved to the parking lot area adjacent to the old Daiquiri Factory as it is possible downtown construction will begin at that time. Public Works Director Mike Bartels indicated they would work with Smoking Dog and had already notified them of the possibility of construction.

VOTE:

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

20. Rock Island Regional Port District

The Mayor will close the regular meeting in order to convene The Rock Island Regional Port District meeting. After the conclusion of the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting, the Mayor will close the meeting and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.

a. Motion: Motion whether or not to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

b. New Business: Election of the Vice Chairperson (a nomination and a second is required).

Motion: Motion whether or not to elect Alderperson ______ for Vice Chairperson.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Bill Healy as Vice Chairperson; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Council members discussed having the Mayor Pro Tem serve as the Vice Chairperson. It was decided that moving forward, the Mayor Pro Tem would also be the Vice Chairperson for the Authority.

VOTE:

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

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 Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

21. Other Business/New Business

Mayor Thoms remarked on his recent trip to Washington D.C. with Community and Economic Development Department staff Miles Brainard and Nichole Mata. He said they met with both Illinois Senators Durbin and Duckworth as well as Representatives Sorensen and LaHood in an effort to promote Rock Island projects.

22. 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 must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

Motion: Motion whether or not to enter Closed Session for the exception cited.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 7:58 p.m.

VOTE:

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

23. Adjourn

a. Motion whether or not to adjourn to February 26, 2024.

Motion: Motion whether or not to adjourn.

VV Voice vote is needed.

Upon entering back into the regular City Council meeting, Clerk Gange called the roll. All Council members and Mayor Thoms were present.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Parker seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

VOTE:

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