



Report to:

Thomas Thomas, City Manager
Dennis Pauley, Mayor and the Rock Island City Council

From:

Rock Island Park and Recreation Board
William Nelson, Park and Recreation Director

Subject:

Request to close 1st Avenue for July 3 Fireworks and Family Fun Event at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Background Information:

Each year, the Red, White and Boom Committee of Downtown Davenport meet to provide a cooperative fireworks event on the riverfront between the two Cities of Davenport and Rock Island. This year the event falls on Wednesday, July 3.

Preliminary meetings have taken place with Downtown Davenport, and the Park and Recreation staff has begun plans for the event that attracts thousands of people on both sides of the river.

Once again, we are asking that the city pass a resolution requesting the closing of 1st Avenue from noon until the end of the fireworks event. This has made for the safe passage of attendees from parking downtown to the park site.

The Park and Recreation Board request the approval of the resolution that would enable the city to close 1st Avenue on July 3. The Resolution is included as a part of the report.

This recommendation was approved by the Park and Recreation Board at the April 16th Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO.

H I G H W A Y R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the **Rock Island Park and Recreation Board** is sponsoring a **Fireworks Display and Concert at Riverfront Park** in the CITY of ROCK ISLAND which event constitutes a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, this **Fireworks Display** will include the use of pyrotechnics as a part of the event; and,

WHEREAS, there will be a children's area with games and inflatable attractions; and,

WHEREAS, there will be a musical concert at the stage area of the park: and

WHEREAS, there will be a large number of people crossing the avenue to obtain access to the park area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND that permission to close off **IL 92 (1st Avenue)** from **17th Street** to **20th Street** as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between **12:00 noon and 11:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of **conducting a FIREWORK DISPLAY adjacent to Schwiebert Riverfront Park.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. The detour route shall be as follows: **West bound traffic: South on 20th Street to 4^h Avenue, West on 4th Avenue to 15th Street, North on 15th**

Street to 2nd Avenue, East on 2nd Avenue to 16th Street, North on 16th Street to 1st Avenue/Rt. 92. East Bound Traffic: South on 16th Street to 5th Avenue, East on 5th Avenue to 20th Street to 1st Avenue/Rt. 92.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the **City of Rock Island** assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall, at the expense of the **City of Rock Island**, be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers, and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the **City of Rock Island** prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the **City of Rock Island** as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the **City of Rock Island**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of Rock Island** hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of Rock Island** shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of **\$100,000**

per person and \$500,000 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees, and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this Resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this ____ day of _____ 2013, A.D.

City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this ____ day of _____, 2013 A.D.

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Attest: _____
City Clerk