



## Report

To: Thomas Thomas, Mayor and City Council  
From: William Nelson  
Subject: Fireworks

### **Background:**

Over the past few years the Red, White and Boom Committee made up of the Downtown Davenport Partnership, the Quad Cities Chamber, Genesis, Riverboat Development, and Rock Island Park and Recreation Department; has provided a fireworks show between the two cities.

### **Event:**

The event has grown on the Rock Island side to include music, kids inflatable's, food booths, a beer garden and sponsor area. The Crowds have expanded from a couple of thousand to approximately 20,000 to 30,000 in the park and along the levy. This has required us to close 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to provide a safe crossing and hire security staff to monitor drinking.

Set up for the event begins the day before in the park, and continues through most of the day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. The park officially opens at 6:00 p.m. with a proclamation at 6:30, entertainment running until 9:30 when the fireworks are to be shot.

After the flooding that took place last year, we are requesting that we also ask permission to shoot the fireworks off the bridge if flooding takes place. Iowa will have to take the lead as the bridge is under the responsibility of the Iowa Transportation Department this year.

If we are unfortunate to have significant flooding this year, staff is requesting permission to close the road to Centennial Bridge during the fireworks, and half the bridge during the day to set up the fireworks.

Our rain date is set for July 4<sup>th</sup>. The activities would be somewhat diminished as most of our vendors are booked for other locations on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff would request approval of closing 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and if required, the entry to Centennial Bridge. Staff also recommends passing a resolution to close 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for the event. This resolution has to go to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval.

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 (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue)** from **17<sup>th</sup> Street** to **20<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, July 3, 2014.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there is inclement weather prohibiting the fireworks display on July 3, this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between **12:00 noon and 11:00 P.M. on Friday, July 4, 2014.**

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 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 4<sup>h</sup> Avenue, West on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Street, North on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, East on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 16<sup>th</sup> Street, North on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Rt. 92. East Bound Traffic: South on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, A.D.

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City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 A.D.

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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO**  
**HIGHWAY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the **Rock Island Park and Recreation Board** is sponsoring a **Fireworks Display and Concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park** in the CITY of ROCK ISLAND on July 3, 2013, 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, if flooding on the Mississippi prohibits the use of a barge for the purpose of setting off the fireworks, then the fireworks would be shot off from the Centennial Bridge over the Mississippi River.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND that permission to close off the **Centennial Bridge** as above designated, be requested of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between **9:00 A.M. & 11:30 P.M. on Wednesday, July 3, 2014.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure consists of a partial closure and a full closure during the above stated times. **The two eastern most lanes (Iowa Bound) will be closed starting at 9:00 A.M. and the full bridge closure will start at 9:00 PM.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of **conducting a FIREWORK DISPLAY from the Centennial Bridge.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from the closed bridge 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.

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 partial closure/detour on the Illinois side of the river 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 to direct traffic during the partial and full closure of the bridge.

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 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 **Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and Melrose Fireworks Displays** hereby agree 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 **Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and Melrose Fireworks Displays** 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

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