



## 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.

This year as a result of the flooding on the Mississippi River, and the inability to use the Centennial Bridge as a location to shoot the fireworks, the display was cancelled. The Red, White and Boom Committee recently met and determined that the best date to provide the Fireworks Display would be Monday, Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. This avoids conflict with the cart races and the street closings throughout our downtown.

It is a date that allows our vendors to be available and fulfill the contract with the fireworks company. While we recognize that it is a "school night", sunset takes place earlier and the show should be completed before 9:00 p.m. It will also serve as a nice follow up to the parade that takes place during the day.

### **Event:**

The Red, White and Boom 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 several thousand the first year to 20,000 to 30,000 people 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 for Labor Day will begin during the day with the park opening at 5:00.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff would request approval of closing 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street and routing vehicles around the downtown using the one ways of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. This resolution has to go to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-2014**

**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 Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 28th day of July 2014, A.D.

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City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 A.D.

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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

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