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 in the park and more along the levy. This has required us to close 1st 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 the morning of the 4th of July. The park will officially open this year at 3:00 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 have set a rain date and a flood date. In case of excessive rain, the fireworks would be moved back to July 5th. If we were to have flooding again, the makeup date is September 25th, which is a Friday Night.

Recommendation:

Staff would request approval of closing 1st Avenue during the day on July 4th, and if required, July 5th during the event. If we were to have flooding, we are requesting that 1st Avenue be closed during the afternoon and evening of September 25th. Staff also recommends passing a resolution to close 1st 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

WHEARAS, 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 Saturday, July 4, 2015.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there is inclement weather prohibiting the fireworks display on July 5, this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between **12:00 noon and 11:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 5, 2015.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there is flooding that prohibits the fireworks display on July 4th or 5, this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between **12:00 noon and 11:00 P.M. on Friday, September 25, 2015.**

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 _____ 2015, A.D.

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City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this _____day of _____, 2015 A.D.

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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Attest: _____
City Clerk