



Report

To: Thomas Thomas, Mayor and City Council
From: William Nelson
Subject: Fireworks
Date: April 18, 2016

Background:

The Red, White and Boom Event which is spearheaded by Downtown Davenport, have provided fireworks over the Mississippi River. Last year the Council voted to provide \$10,000 in funding toward the fireworks. Rock Island Park and Recreation Staff have attended their meetings with the intent of coordinating activities between the two sides of the River. The Committee has agreed to set July 3rd as the continual date for the fireworks, with July 4th being reserved in case of rain. The Flood date for the event is in September.

Event:

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

Set up for the event begins the day before in the park, and continues through most of the morning on the 3rd of July. The park officially opens at 3:00 p.m. and entertainment running until 9:30 when the fireworks are to be displayed.

Our rain date is set for July 4th. The activities would be somewhat diminished as most of our vendors are booked for other locations on the 4th of July. The Flood date is the 4th weekend in September.

Recommendation:

Staff requests approval of closing 1st Avenue from 17th Street to 20th Street on July 3, or the 4th if storms impact the event. Staff also recommends the closing of 1st Avenue between 17th and 20th Street in September if flooding impacts the traditional July 3rd or 4th events.

Included is the resolution to be passed for the Department of Transportation.

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 Sunday, July 3, 2016.

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 Monday, July 4, 2016.

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 _____, 2016, A.D.

City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this ____ day of _____, 2016 A.D.

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Attest: _____
City Clerk