



Report to:

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

From:

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 the Chamber of Commerce meets to provide a cooperative fireworks event on the riverfront between the two Cities of Davenport and Rock Island. This year the event falls on Tuesday, July 3.

The Committee has not yet met for this year, but the Park and Recreation and District Staff have already begun to make plans for the event. This year, we are pleased to announce that the Navy Band, "Horizons" from Great Lakes Naval Base will return as our headliner for the evening.

Park and Recreation Staff will spearhead the activities in the park including inflatable amusements for the kids; food for those wanting a quick dinner, and the District will operate the beer trailers in the music area.

Over the past couple of years, the event has been well attended, with thousands of people coming to the river to watch the band and fireworks. For safety reasons, we have closed off 1st avenue to vehicles in the afternoon. This has allowed safe crossing between the downtown area and the riverfront.

Staff is requesting a resolution be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting permission to close 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on July 3. Included as a part of the packet is the Resolution for Council 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 (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 **3:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012.**

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 _____ 2012, A.D.

City Clerk

APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of ROCK ISLAND this ____ day of _____, 2012 A.D.

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Attest: _____
City Clerk