

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: August 25, 2015		DATE SUBMITTED: August 10, 2015	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: PW – Traffic Ops		SUBMITTED BY: W. Paul Kaspar	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY
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<input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the State of Texas (Texas Department of Transportation) for the Temporary Closure of State right-of-way (i.e. Farm to Market Road 158) as needed for the 2015 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival on September 26-27, 2015.			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: The 2015 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival is expected to attract approximately 20,000 citizens, visitors, and vendors to the downtown area. The boundaries, as established by the Downtown Bryan Association (DBA), of the festival are approximately 22nd Street to the north, Tabor Avenue to the east, 29th Street to the south, and Parker Avenue to the west.			
<p>To protect the integrity of the festival and its patrons and to provide proper emergency vehicle and shuttle bus access, it is necessary to close approximately a seven (7) block section of Farm to Market Road 158 (FM 158 or William J. Bryan Parkway), a State highway, from 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015, to no later than 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2015. The closure will allow City of Bryan employees and its contractors safer access to the festival site for the commencement of setting up all barricades and temporary traffic control devices, and allow vendors to set up booths and entertainment venues in the various festival areas. During this closure, detour signage will be in place to route all through traffic on FM 158 to East 29th Street and Sims Avenue.</p> <p>No parking will be permitted on FM 158 during the temporary road closure. The section of FM 158 that will be temporarily closed will be utilized by vendor booths, stages and other festival events.</p> <p>The festival is scheduled to end at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, and subsequently is to be followed by clean-up activities by DBA, City of Bryan employees, its contractors, and festival vendors. Clean-up activities will be complete by 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, at which time all barricades and temporary traffic control devices will be removed from the festival site including along FM 158.</p>			
STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the resolution. With the proper temporary traffic control devices, the full closure of FM 158 allows event planners to develop the boundaries of the festival on both the north and south sides of FM 158, and allows safe passage across the roadway for DBA, City of Bryan employees, its contractors, and festival vendors to more quickly facilitate set-up activities before the festival, and clean-up activities afterwards. The closure also allows a safe passage during the festival for festival patrons. Closing FM 158 will negatively impact some traffic in the area and cause motorists to use a designated detour route around the festival site. However, not closing FM 158 would require a significant number of more safety precautions to be taken in and around the festival site before, during, and after the festival.			
OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):			
1. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Road Closure Agreement.			

2. Do not authorize the Mayor to execute the Road Closure Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: (Attachments 2 and 3 are a single pdf file)

1. Resolution (Word document)
2. Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way (pdf file)
3. Signage locations and Traffic Control Plan for the event (pdf file)

FUNDING SOURCE: There is no fee to TXDOT for the road closure.

APPROVALS: Jayson E. Barfknecht 08/10/15; Hugh R. Walker, 08/12/2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 08/17/2015

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO CLOSE STATE HIGHWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2015 TEXAS REDS STEAK AND GRAPE FESTIVAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation operates certain state highways within the City limits of the City of Bryan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan requires the temporary closure of a state highway within the City of Bryan; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Bryan have agreed to certain terms and conditions regarding the temporary closing of a portion of the state highway system within the City of Bryan limits for purpose of said closings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bryan has considered the foregoing and aforesaid contract and have agreed to be bound by the provisions thereof for the purpose of closing said highways for the 2015 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival to be held September 26-27, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

1.

The Mayor of Bryan, acting on behalf of the City Council of the City of Bryan is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in connection with the closure of state highways within the City of Bryan associated with the 2015 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival.

2.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting by the City Council of the City of Bryan held on the 25th day of August, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney