

**Meeting Date (?)** 08/23/2016

**Subject Matter\* (?)** Resolution for Texas Reds Road Closure (TXDOT)  
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**Department of Origin\*** ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT

**Submitted By\*** W. Paul Kaspar

**Type of Meeting\***  BCD  Special  Regular

**Classification\***  Public Hearing  Consent  Statutory  Regular

**Ordinance\***  None  First Read  Second Read  First & Only Read

**Strategic Initiative\***  Public Safety  Service  
 Economic Development  Infrastructure  
 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 2016 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival on September 23-25, 2016.

**Summary Statement\*** The 2016 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival is expected to attract approximately 25,000 citizens, visitors, and vendors to the downtown area. The boundaries, as established by the Downtown Bryan Association (DBA), of the festival are approximately 21st Street to the north, Tabor Avenue to the east, 29th Street to the south, and Parker Avenue to the west.

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 24, 2016, to no later than 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. 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.

No parking will be permitted on FM 158 during the temporary road closure. The section of FM 158 to be temporarily closed will be utilized by vendor booths, stages, and other festival events.

The festival is scheduled to end at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, and is to be followed by clean-up activities by DBA, City of Bryan employees, contractors, and festival vendors. Clean-up activities will be complete by 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, at which time all barricades and temporary traffic control devices will be removed from the festival site, including along FM 158.

**Staff Analysis & 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, 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 significantly 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 and provide direction to staff.

**Funding Source\***

There is no fee to TXDOT for the road closure.

**Attachments**

Resolution Texas Reds Road Closure.docx	16.23KB
Texas Reds 2016 Road Closure Attachments.pdf	408.41KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

Note: Attachments #2 and #3 are combined into a single pdf file

1. Resolution (Word document)
2. Resolution (PDF)
3. Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way (PDF)

**Dept. Head Signature**



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**Deputy City Manager Signature**



Hugh R. Walker

**City Manager Signature**



**City Attorney Signature**



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