

ITEM # 146+c
DATE October 9, 2007

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES AND TEMPORARY OBSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR ISU HOMECOMING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

BACKGROUND:

On Friday, October 19, the Homecoming Central Committee at Iowa State is once again planning an event in connection with Homecoming Weekend at Iowa State University. The event is scheduled to begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m., with streets opening back up at 11:00 p.m. Music and tours of the lawn displays built to celebrate Homecoming will be provided for attendees. The event is an opportunity for the general public to view the Homecoming lawn displays and watch performances associated with the displays.

To facilitate this event, organizers are asking the City Council to approve the following items:

- A. Closure of Sunset Drive, from Ash to just west of the intersection with Beach Avenue
- B. Closure of Ash Avenue from Gable Lane to Knapp Street (Knapp and Gable will remain open)
- C. Closure of Gray Avenue from its intersection with Gable to Greeley Street
- D. Closure of Pearson Avenue between Greeley and Sunset
- E. Closure of Lynn Avenue between Knapp and Chamberlain Streets
- F. The issuance of a Temporary Obstruction Permit to cover the above areas

Streets will be closed at approximately 7:30 p.m. and they will be reopened by 11:00 p.m. Public Works will provide barricades necessary for the event, along with "No Parking" signs and orange safety vests for volunteers staffing the barricades. Organizers will be responsible for staffing the barricades as long as they are in place. Event organizers have been advised to contact the Police Department to inquire about the need for a noise permit. The Neighborhood Association in the area has been notified, and has expressed no concerns. Organizers have been asked to work with residents in accessing the area, particularly during the early evening set up hours.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve street closures and a Temporary Obstruction Permit as requested by the Homecoming Central Committee, and in so doing, facilitate the ISU Homecoming event on Friday, October 19.
2. The City Council may direct staff to seek alternative locations for the event.
3. The City Council may not approve the requests.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, and approve the street closures and Temporary Obstruction Permit necessary to facilitate the ISU Homecoming event on Friday, October 19, 2007. This has been a popular event not only for the University community, but for the larger Ames community, and City facilitation of the event is critical.