

RESOLUTION NO. 99

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes the need for development and redevelopment within its boundaries for the social and economic benefit of the City and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria supports and encourages such development and redevelopment where it is of high quality and beneficial to the interest of Alexandria, and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, such development and redevelopment often promotes anxiety among citizens over the extent to which their security will be affected by actual or threatened residential dislocation, and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that some public and private development and redevelopment will make some residential dislocation necessary or desirable, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to relieve anxieties over the continued residential security of its citizens,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

That with respect to a public development or redevelopment activity which would make the elimination of existing housing necessary or desirable, the City affirms its position that no such activity can proceed prior to the adoption of a plan which provides for the prior or simultaneous relocation and/or replacement of the housing to be so eliminated.

With respect to private development or redevelopment projects which would eliminate existing housing, it shall be the policy of the City to support and encourage cooperative relocation efforts and to continue the present City policy of providing displaced residents with relocation counseling and technical assistance as required by law.

That with respect to the City's current inventory of public housing, including any units which are developed at Cameron Valley under the program adopted by City Council on September 14, 1971, the City Attorney be directed to prepare by April 25, 1972, a binding contract for execution by the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority pursuant to which it will be agreed that whenever public or private development or redevelopment makes the elimination of units of public housing necessary or desirable and for so long as the present inventory of public housing is felt by the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be a necessary part of the housing stock of Alexandria, the City will adopt and implement or secure the adoption and implementation of a plan of relocation and reconstruction of such units prior to the demolition or other impairment of units affected by the development or redevelopment.

Adopted March 21, 1972

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council

January 17, 1981

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5. Consideration of Recommendation on Public Housing.

(A copy of the report from Councilwoman Inman, dated January 9, 1981, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 1/17/81, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

(The Members of Council spoke on this issue.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Inman, seconded by Councilman Greene and carried unanimously, Council adopted the proposed recommendation, as amended. The recommendations contained in the memo were as follows:

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3. The Council request another work session with ARHA prior to the submission of their budget to HUD later this year.

The amendments approved are:

1. Add a clause under #2 or #3 whichever is appropriate, that the City Council and the Housing Authority undertake to revise the agreement, update it both in terms of number of units and take out out of date material, and re-amend and re-enact that agreement,

2. That you define replacement housing as publicly assisted housing which for purposes of this resolution means housing that contemplates the commitment by the provider of such housing that is substantially equivalent to the units being replaced for at least a period of 20 or more years.

(City Attorney and City Manager to prepare in legal language.

NOTE: Councilman Casey asked that whenever this comes back to Council that the changes be done in the form of a definition section and leave the operative paragraphs unchanged.

The voting was as follows:

Inman "Aye"
Greene "Aye"
Beatley "Aye"

Calhoun "Aye"
Casey "Aye"
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