

RESOLUTION NO. 236

WHEREAS, the problems of water and air pollution and their effects upon the living conditions of the citizens of Alexandria are of continuous concern to the City Council of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the level of this concern is manifested in the City's participation in the Potomac River Basin Advisory Committee and in the stringent Air Pollution Control Code enacted by the City Council in November 1972; and

WHEREAS, effective water and air pollution control for any single jurisdiction in the Washington Metropolitan Area can be achieved only through the concerted efforts of all jurisdictions in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the disgraceful contamination of the Potomac River and the offensive odors emanating from the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant are an affront not only to the residents of Alexandria but to the entire Washington Metropolitan Area, showing a flagrant disregard for the kind of cooperative pollution control efforts which must be pursued; and

WHEREAS, extensive construction activity continues unabated in jurisdictions utilizing the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant in spite of the limited capacity of this facility to adequately process existing levels of raw sewage at the plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1) That the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby protests the continued operation of the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant in such manner as causes the pollution of the Potomac River with raw sewage and the unnecessary emission of offensive odors, and

2) That the City Council of the City of Alexandria strongly urges that each jurisdiction utilizing the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant declare a moratorium on new construction activity until such time as the capacity of the Blue Plains facility is increased sufficiently to adequately process any increase in the level of raw sewage at the plant.

3) FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that copies thereof be delivered to the President of the United States, the United States Senators and Members of Congress representing the jurisdictions in the Washington Metropolitan Area, the Governor of Virginia, the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Virginia State Senators and Members of the House of Delegates representing the jurisdictions in Northern Virginia and jurisdictions bounded by the Potomac River, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and each of its member jurisdictions, and the news media.

Adopted September 11, 1973

Mrs. Helen Vickers, Clerk of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia