

RESOLUTION NO. 438

WHEREAS, the flooding of the Four Mile Run has caused enormous damage to residences and businesses of the Arlandria and Lynhaven portions of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Four Mile Run continues to pose an extreme threat to the safety of persons and property in the affected portions of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the flood threat is largely dependent upon the rebuilding of many highway and railroad bridge structures across the Four Mile Run; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers had scheduled a bid opening on the major portion of the corrective work -- mainly the rebuilding of all the railroad bridge structures in the Potomac Yards for the month of October 1975; and

WHEREAS, a protest has been filed with the Corps of Engineers alleging that the provisions of the federal Davis-Bacon Act should apply to this contract; and

WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has forwarded to the United States Secretary of Labor this protest for a determination of what the proper wage scale should be; and

WHEREAS, until this determination is made, the rebuilding of the railroad bridge structures and hence the solution of the Four Mile Run flood problem cannot proceed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia urges the Secretary of Labor to resolve the question immediately, and requests the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to proceed immediately thereafter with the bid opening and award of contract on this vital flood control contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council requests Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Senator William L. Scott, and Congressman Herbert E. Harris to intercede with the Secretary of Labor on behalf of the City of Alexandria and the citizens and business owners of the Arlandria and Lynhaven neighborhoods to resolve the dispute over applicable wages so that the Corps of Engineers can proceed with the job.

On behalf of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

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Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Mayor

Adopted October 29, 1975

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Helen Holleman, Clerk of the  
City of Alexandria, Virginia