

AN ORDINANCE No. 87-104-73

ADOPTED APR 27 1987.

To declare that a public necessity exists for the construction, operation and maintenance of permanent drainage facilities in the Falling Creek Watershed, along a branch, west of Branchwood Drive and south of Walmsley Boulevard, and to authorize negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary easements, permanent and temporary, in property for the purpose.

Patron - City Manager

Approved as to form and legality
by City Attorney

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond a public necessity exists for the construction, operation and maintenance of permanent drainage facilities in the Falling Creek Watershed, along a branch, west of Branchwood Drive and south of Walmsley Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the public necessity requires the acquisition by the City of Richmond of necessary easements, permanent and temporary, in the property for the purpose; NOW,

THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That permanent easements for construction, operation and maintenance of drainage facilities in property shown shaded and temporary easements for the purpose of construction are shown hatched upon the plan on file in the office of the Department of Public Works, entitled:

"Acquisition of Permanent Drainage Easements and Temporary Construction Easements along Branch West of Branchwood Dr., South of Walmsley Blvd. (Falling Creek Watershed)", marked "Drawing No. O-21641", dated March 20, 1987, a copy of which is attached to the draft of this ordinance, is required for a public purpose, construction, operation and maintenance of permanent drainage facilities, and the City Manager, or such person as he may designate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate for the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise of the easements required for such municipal purpose.

§ 2. No concluded action shall be taken toward the acquisition of the easements in the property by purchase until the price or prices at which said easements can be acquired shall have been reported to and the purchase of the same at said price or prices has been authorized by the Council; nor shall the easements in the property be acquired by condemnation proceedings unless so authorized by the Council and the condemnation award therefor has been approved by the Council.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

City of Richmond
City Planning Commission



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To the Honorable Council of the
City of Richmond, Virginia

April 22, 1987

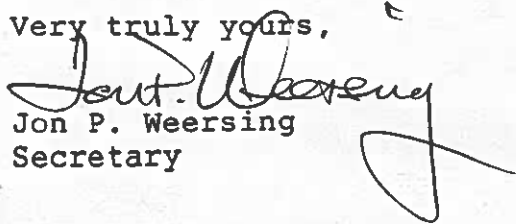
At its meeting of April 21, 1987, the City Planning Commission
voted (8-0) to recommend APPROVAL of:

Ordinance No. 87-104

To declare that a public necessity exists for the
construction, operation and maintenance of permanent
drainage facilities in the Falling Creek Watershed,
*** etc.

The purpose of this ordinance is to declare public necessity and authorize acquisition of permanent and temporary construction easements to accomodate drainage improvements across several properties south of Walmsley Boulevard and west of Branchwood Drive generally between Broad Rock Boulevard and Hopkins Road. The permanent drainage easement would be thirty feet in width and the temporary construction easement would be five feet in width. The easement would cross fifteen properties and enable channelization of a creek which is subject to flooding. The project also includes replacement of two culverts in the existing rights-of-way of Walmsley Boulevard and Silbury Road. The improvements would be in the form of an open concrete-lined drainageway three feet wide and three feet deep. It would connect the new culvert under Walmsley Boulevard to the normal outfall of the creek 1500 feet downstream where it has adequate channel width. Riprap would be provided to reduce erosion at the outfall point. Small concrete pedestrian bridges would be provided on three or four properties which are bisected by the creek. The Department of Public Works reports that affected property owners have been shown the plans, and there is no opposition. Funds for the improvements are available under prior C.I.P. authorizations for storm drainage improvements. The Commission's favorable recommendation on this paper constitutes approval of the "general location" of the drainageway as required by the City Charter.

Very truly yours,


Jon P. Weersing
Secretary

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cc: Director - Department of Public Works