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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3

PUBLIC HEARING

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 3, 2003
9:30 a.m.

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BILL 030075 - An Ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
City of Philadelphia, to acquire by purchase, lease
or condemnation a certain temporary easement through
3500 Scotts Lane for sewer and drainage construction
purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY, Chair
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
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PAUL MCCLOSKEY, Water Department	4

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning, ladies
3 and gentlemen, the Council Committee on Public
4 Property and Works is now in session to hear
5 testimony on Bill No. 030075. We have a quorum
6 present, Councilmembers Nutter, Krajewski, Donna
7 Reed Miller, and Councilwoman Blondel Reynolds Brown
8 and Councilman Kenney, myself, as the Chair.

9 The bill we're hearing today is an
10 Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
11 Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
12 acquire by purchase, lease or condemnation a certain
13 temporary easement through 3500 Scotts Lane for
14 sewer and drainage construction purposes, under
15 certain terms and conditions.

16 Would you please identify yourself for
17 the record and proceed with your testimony?

18 MR. SIPOS: Mr. Chairman and Members of
19 the Committee, my name is Ken Sipos. I'm with the
20 Department of Public Property. Public Property is
21 here this morning to support Bill 030075, an
22 ordinance authorizing the acquire by purchase, lease
23 or condemnation a certain temporary easement through
24 3500 Scotts Lane for sewer and drainage construction
25 purposes.

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2 This bill will permit the property and
3 land to be used for sewer and drainage construction
4 purposes by the Water Department.

5 The Department of Public Property
6 supports this measure. And accordingly, I
7 respectfully ask that the Committee consider this
8 bill favorably. I also ask that the rules be
9 suspended so that the ordinance may be passed upon
10 the second reading of Council.

11 Thank you. I'll be happy to answer any
12 questions you may have. And there's a
13 representative of the Water Department here also.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much
15 for your testimony.

16 Please identify yourself for the record
17 and proceed with your testimony.

18 MR. MCCLOSKEY: Good morning, Mr.
19 Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is
20 Paul McCloskey. I'm from the Water Department.

21 The existing main sewers, the main truck
22 sewer in the East Falls area of the City.
23 Currently, the sewer is in need of replacement and
24 surcharge. However, a good portion of the existing
25 sewers is covered by factory buildings and

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2 inaccessible. The existing sewer is in drainage
3 right-of-way of former Ontario Street. The area in
4 need of replacement is from Henry Avenue to the
5 Schuylkill River. Currently, the industrial
6 businesses in the area are experiencing severe
7 flooding due surcharged stormwater sewer. The
8 existing conditions will be further compounded by
9 proposed large condo developments that are currently
10 being planned for the area.

11 In order to resolve these issues and to
12 avoid condemning the area businesses, the Water
13 Department plans to redirect the drainage in a new
14 parallel sewer in and on a line of Allegheny Avenue
15 from the Schuylkill River, crossing Kelly Drive,
16 under Laurel Hill Cemetery onto 32nd Street. The
17 sewer will then travel northward on a line of 32nd
18 street costing Pep Boys parking lot, CSX
19 Transportation Railroad and partially crossing 3500
20 Scotts Lane to former Ontario Street right-of-way.

21 The sewer will be constructed totally in
22 tunnels so as not to disrupt the community or most
23 of the properties. The point of connection between
24 the new sewer and the existing sewer shall be made
25 in the undeveloped rear of 3500 Scotts Lane. The

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2 connection shafts shall be huge structure necessary
3 to accommodate tunneling equipment. Further large
4 quantities of debris from the tunneling operation
5 will be removed at this location. In order to
6 perform the work, it shall be necessary to deprive
7 the owner use of the rear property for approximately
8 two years. We also require access to the property
9 from Scotts lane to the rear for access to the
10 construction site.

11 This ordinance authorizes Public
12 Property to purchase, lease, or condemn a temporary
13 easement from the owner and compensate him for the
14 temporary denial uses and enjoy of a portion of his
15 property. The construction easement shall last for
16 approximately two years.

17 We recommend that this bill be favorably
18 reported out of Committee and respectfully ask that
19 the Rules be suspended.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much
21 for your testimony.

22 Are there any questions for these
23 witnesses?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seeing none, is

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2 there anyone else in the room to testify on this
3 bill?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seeing none, that
6 will conclude the hearing of the Public Property and
7 Public Works Committee.

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Public Meeting conducted by the
Committee on Public Property and Public Works, held
in Room 696, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
on the above date, to consider action on the
following:

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BILL 030075.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY, Chair

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: The Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Nutter for a motion on Bill No. 030075.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chairman. I move that Bill No. 030075 be reported
6 out of this Committee with a favorable
7 recommendation, a further recommendation that the
8 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
9 reading at our next Session.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's been moved and
12 seconded.

13 All in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: There are none
16 opposed.

17 Bill No. 030075 reported out of this
18 Committee with a favorable recommendation, and a
19 request will be made for Rules suspension to allow
20 for first reading at our next Council Session.

21 Please let the record note that
22 Councilmembers Clarke and Councilmember Blackwell
23 are also in attendance for this hearing today.

24 There being no further business of this
25 Committee, we will now adjourn. Thank you.

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2 (Council adjourned at 9:35 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of April 3, 2003, were reported fully
and accurately by me, and that this is a correct
transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public