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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – June 23, 2022 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, Councilman Joseph Betrus, Joseph Burke, Lonnie Jenkins, Michael Mahoney, Marques Phillips

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Gene A. Allen, Stephanie DiGiorgio, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Excused: Councilman Robert Burmaster

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:33am

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Councilman Joseph Betrus made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Item #2 – Revisit Reversion of 723 Roberts Street

Attorney David Goldbas attended the June 9th meeting to contest the reversion of the property. The Board gave them until this meeting to pull all permits, supply a timeline of what repairs need to be made and when they would be completed as well as to show financial ability.

Attorney David Goldbas appeared before the URA Board again today. Marques Phillips, Commissioner of Codes, stated that all necessary permits for work to be conducted on the properties have been renewed. Attorney David Goldbas submitted a time frame for work to be completed. He also submitted a copy of a Cease and Desist letter sent to the next door neighbor storing his “scrapping” materials on the side of their property creating an issue of debris piling up.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to give the owners an Extension, to complete the stated renovations, and report back to the URA Board at the October 27, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Item #3 – 1226 Whitesboro Street

An offer was received from Eddy Soriano in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 1226 Whitesboro Street. The bidder plans to create additional parking for his property at 1224 Whitesboro Street. A second offer was received from George Waters in the amount of \$250.00. The bidder plans to create additional parking for his property at 1228 Whitesboro Street. The Board tabled this for 2 weeks asking that the Bidders come up with a plan that would benefit both of them. Both bidders appeared at this meeting and have agreed to split the property evenly.

Councilman Joseph Betrus with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to accept the offer from the two bidders, contingent on them contacting the engineering Department to have the lot split and that each of the bidders will then consolidate their respective properties. The motion was seconded by Joseph Burke and passed unanimously.

New Business

Item #4 – 1102 & 1104 Howard Ave.

An offer was received from David Giglio in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the properties at 1102 & 1104 Howard Ave. the bidder plans to create additional parking for the property he recently purchased at 1101 Howard Ave.

Councilman Joseph Betrus with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to accept the offer from David Giglio in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the two lots contingent on receiving zoning approval. The motion was seconded by Joseph Burke and passed unanimously.

Item #5 – 101 Mathews Ave.

An offer was received from Nancy J. Bowns in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the property at 101 Mathews Ave. the bidder plans to landscape the property. A second offer was received from Edward Ford in the amount of \$1,000.00. The bidder plans to landscape the property. A third offer was received from Vincent Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00. The bidder plans to create additional parking for his business across the street to accommodate additional workers for his expansion.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to accept the offer from bidder #3 in the amount of \$5,000.00 contingent on receiving zoning approval and that all outstanding taxes become current. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Item #6 – Transfer of funds between cost centers

A request was received from URA Staff to transfer within Cost Centers to cover the cost of a trailer hitch to tow a lawn mower.

From:	CU58620.216	Property Acquisition	\$400.00
To:	CU58620.203	Auto Equipment	\$400.00

A motion was made by Mike Mahoney to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 - Adjournment

Councilman Joseph Betrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04am. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this day of June, 23, 2022 by Gene A. Allen