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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2023 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mayor Robert M. Palmieri (@ 10:02am), Councilman Robert Burmaster, Marques Phillips, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas, Councilman Joe Betrus

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Assistant Corporation Council Stephanie DiGiorgio, Cathy Mack

EXCUSED: Joe Burke, Mike Mahoney

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:42am

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Councilman Robert Burmaster made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joe Betrus and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Item #2 921 Blandina Street

An offer was received from Marilyn Del Carmen Fornandez Selmonte in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the property at 921 Blandina St. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. (Bidder took her application after last meeting to make adjustments to her redevelopment proposal and finances), but she never returned it and was not present at the meeting. A second offer was received from Hezam Mubarez in the amount of \$5,000.00. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence for himself and family members. A third offer was received from Klever Marcelo Padilla & Blanca Flo Espinoza in the amount of \$6,000.00. The bidders plan to renovate for primary residence. A fourth offer was received from the Fiorino Group, LLC in the amount of \$32,599.00. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

A motion was made to discuss this property in Executive Session. After coming out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Burmaster, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered, to accept the offer from Hezam Mubarez in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

New Business

Item #3 318.22-3-2 Whitesboro Street

An offer was received from Willie Smith in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 318.22-3-2 Whitesboro Street. The bidder plans to landscape for his adjacent property.

A motion was made by Marques Phillips, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered, to accept the offer from Willie Smith in the amount of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

Item #4 406 Blandina Street

An offer was received from George Torres in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the property at 406 Blandina Street. The bidder plans renovate for income property. A second offer was received from the Fiorino Group, LLC in the amount of \$22,599.00. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

A motion was made to discuss this property in Executive Session. After coming out of Executive Session, Marques Phillips made a motion to table and remarket the property and continue to accept new applications until the first meeting in May in hopes of receiving an application for primary residence. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

Item #5 Executive Session

At motion was made by Marques Phillips to enter into Executive Session at 9:57am to discuss the sale of 921 Blandina Street and 406 Blandina Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jos Betrus and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Burmaster to come out of Executive Session at 10:01am. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 Adjournment

Danielle Faulkner-Forgas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09am. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of April, 2023 by Cathy Mack