

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Palmieri, Michael Mahoney, Councilman Ed Bucciero, Fred Matrulli

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Thomas, Joe Hobika, Sr., Andy Brindisi, Cathy Mack, Gene Allen, Derek Crossman

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:** Sam Colosimo-Testa, Joan Harris, Dave Farina

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

**ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes**

Mike Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

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**Old Business**

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**ITEM #2 608, 610 Second Street/429-431, 435, 437, 439 Mary Street**

An offer was received from Mohawk Plaza, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the properties located at 608, 610 Second Street/429-431, 435, 437, 439 Mary Street. The bidder plans to landscape and create additional parking.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Mohawk Plaza, LLC as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 608, 610 Second Street/429-431, 435, 437, 439 Mary Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

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**New Business**

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**ITEM #3 324 South Street**

An offer was received from Mehmed Hrustic in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the property located at 324 South Street. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. A second offer was received from Amalia Gasparotti in the amount of \$2,000.00 to renovate the property for primary residence.

Councilman Ed Bucciero made a motion to designate Mehmed Hrustic as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 324 South Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #4 1009 Green Street**

An offer was received from Ricky Hallam and Melissa Colon in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 1009 Green Street. The bidders plan to fence, landscape and create additional parking.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Ricky Hallam and Melissa Colon as qualified and eligible project sponsors for the redevelopment of 1009 Green Street contingent that the bidders become current on any and all outstanding taxes due and that they consolidate 1009 Green Street and 1015 Green Street after closing, as well as with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with an any

necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #5      1220 Francis Street**

Jim Buswell addressed the board regarding an outstanding tax bill associated with 1220 Francis Street, a property he purchased from the Urban Renewal Agency in February of 2001. Buswell claims to have had an unwritten agreement with the Mayor of that time to eliminate all back taxes on 1220 Francis Street after purchase. However, Buswell is still receiving tax bills from Oneida County. Buswell requested that the Urban Renewal Agency Board honor his agreement from 2001 and eliminate the back taxes.

The board took no action.

**ITEM #6      Transfer of Funds**

Urban Renewal Agency staff requested two transfers within cost centers totaling \$17,500.00 to cover the cost of lighting repairs in the Utica Business Park, an Urban Renewal project, in the amount of \$5,500.00 and initiating a Phase 1 on 1900 Bleecker Street in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to approve the transfers within cost centers of \$17,500.00 for lighting repairs at the Utica Business Park and the execution of a Phase 1 on 1900 Bleecker Street. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #7      Miscellaneous Financial Expenditures**

Urban Renewal staff addressed the board regarding the annual renewal of the Agency's insurance policy that covers all properties held under Urban Renewal's name. Insurance is sent out for competitive bid by the Board of Contracts. The properties owned by the Urban Renewal Agency have been submitted for insurance quotes, and the Board will be updated when the quotes are received.

**ITEM #8      Executive Sessions**

The board did not go into Executive Session.

**ITEM #9      Adjournment**

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41A.M. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015  
Derek Crossman