

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**MEETING MINUTES – March 26, 2020**  
**1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Robert Palmieri, Councilman Joseph N. Betrus, Jr., Councilman Robert Burmaster, Lonnie Jenkins, Michael Mahoney, Fred Matrulli, Marques Phillips

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Gene Allen, Kathryn Hartnett, Assistant Corporation Council, Merima Smajic, Assistant Corporation Council

**CALL TO ORDER:** Brian Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m.

**Old Business**

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**ITEM #1 611 Spring Street**

An offer for \$250.00 was received from David P. Davis for the property at 611 Spring Street. The bidder plans to fence/landscape for his adjacent business.

Mike Mahoney, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered made a motion to accept the offer of \$250.00 from David P. Davis. The motion was seconded by Mayor Palmieri and passed and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #2 Approval of Escrow Agreement with MVHS**

MVHS requested that the Utica Urban Renewal Agency utilize its power of eminent domain to acquire a total of six (6) separate tax parcels in support of its development of a new regional healthcare center in Downtown Utica. All of the parcels which are being sought by MVHS are intended to be developed for off-street parking. In advance of any agreement to undertake eminent domain, MVHS has proposed a manner by which all potential costs to be incurred by the UURA during the process will be covered by MVHS. Board authorization is required to enter into this agreement.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to approve the escrow agreement proposed by which all costs to be incurred by the UURA for property acquisition for the Downtown Hospital Project will be covered by MVHS. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #3 Authorization to Procure Appraisals and Commence Negotiations**

In advance of any agreement to undertake eminent domain, court-ready appraisals of the subject parcels must be performed; said appraisals will then form the basis for UURA and its legal counsel to attempt to discuss with current property owners the possibility of a negotiated sale. Board authorization to procure the services of a qualified appraiser and commence negotiations with the respective private property owners is required.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to procure the services of a qualified appraiser and commence negotiations with the respective private property owners as required for acquisition of certain property in conjunction with the MVHS downtown hospital project.

**ITEM #4 Adjournment**

Marques Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57am. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020  
Cathy Mack