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**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES –January 30, 2025  
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Councilman Joseph Betrus, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas, Marques Phillips, Nick Brindenbecker,

**EXCUSED:** Mayor Michael P. Galime, Councilman Venice Ervin, Joseph Burke

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Brian Thomas at 9:39am

**ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes**

Councilman Joseph Betrus made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2025 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick Brindenbecker and passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**No Old Business**

**New Business**

**Item #2 Approval of Annual URA Audit**

Brian Thomas sent all board members, via email a copy of the URA Audit and provided hard copies at the meeting as well. The Audit showed no findings.

Marques Phillips made a motion to approve/accept the Annual URA Audit. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

**Item #3 Settlement of 500 Columbia St. eminent domain**

Prior to the meeting all board members were sent a Resolution Authorizing the Utica Urban Renewal Agency (“UURA”) to Settle the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Article 5 Proceeding entitled Matter of Utica Urban Renewal Agency v 500 Columbia Street, LLC, (Oneida County Supreme Court Index No.: EFCA2022-01299) (the “Litigation”) for review. Brian Thomas received approval from MVHS, prior to the meeting that this settlement is agreed upon.

Marques Phillips made a motion to approve the Resolution/Settlement as presented. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

**Item# 4 Adjournment**

Marques Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52am. The motion was seconded by Nick Brindenbecker and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 by Cathy Mack