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**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES –March 27, 2025
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING : Mayor Michael Galime, Councilman Joseph Betrus, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas, Marques Phillips, Nick Brindenbecker, Councilman Venice Ervin

EXCUSED: Joseph Burke

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Gene Allen, Cathy Mack

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:06am

ITEM #1 Approval of proposed use and exterior signage at 110 Business Park Drive

The Utica Business Park has officially been renamed. The new name honors Steve DiMeo, the long-serving president of Mohawk Valley EDGE, who died last year, and John Ford, the former Vice President of Utica University who originated the idea of the business park many years ago.

Mayor Michael Galime made a motion to approve the new signage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 Review and approval of NYS Authorities Budget Office annual reports

The Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 (Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2009) requires many measures designed to improve the oversight and accountability of NY's Public Authorities. Reporting requirements including mission statements, measurement reports and capital projects reporting provides more information on authority operations

Mayor Michael Galime made a motion to approve the Public Authorities Accountability Act Documents. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joe Betrus and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 Re-Appropriation of Fund Balance

From URA Fund Balance \$ 70,000.00

To: CU58620 441 Contracted Services \$ 70,000.00

Appropriation of Fund Balance in the amount of \$70,000.00 to provide the local match for a grant of \$623,000 from the State Environmental Facilities Corporation to convert the eastern portion of the URA-owned Car Park parking lot into a multi-purpose event space utilizing 'green' infrastructure. This appropriation was originally approved by the UURA Board at its February 11, 2021 and then again at the December 22, 2022 meetings (which would have affected prior fiscal years); however, draw-down of funds was not necessary until recently, thereby necessitating a re-appropriation in the current fiscal year.

Mayor Michael Galime made a motion to approve the re-appropriation of funds. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

Item#4 Adjournment

Nick Brindenbecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26am. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of March 2025 by Gene A. Allen