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May 17, 2024 10:00a.m.  
Utica Industrial Development Agency Special Meeting  
City Hall, Utica, NY – WebEx Conference Call/In-Person

**Members Present:** John Buffa, Emmett Martin, John Zegarelli  
**Excused:** Vin Gilroy, Steve Deery  
**Also Present:** Jack Spaeth (Executive Director), Mayor Mike Galime  
**Others:** Linda Romano and Laura Ruberto (BSK – agency counsel)

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Buffa at 10:04a.m. The Finance, Governance and Audit Committees, as they consist of sitting Agency members, meet as a committee of the whole, and in doing such, meet at every meeting.

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the previous meetings minutes was deferred.

**3A) OLD BUSINESS – Utica Harbor Lodging Group – discussion of project**

**4A) NEW BUSINESS – none**

**5) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Zegarelli made a motion at 10:05am, seconded by Mr. Martin to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a pending contract.

Mr. Martin made a motion at 11:07am, seconded by Mr. Zegarelli to exit Executive Session.

Upon exiting Executive Session, discussion ensued as it pertains to this project. Due to the excessive benefit that was offered to the applicant, a certain level of scrutiny was expressed by the Utica Central School District in particular. It was noted that there are NYS pressures being exerted on IDAs because of overly generous benefits packages.

Counsel noted that the scope of the project changed, there was no PIF or CHA as called out for in the Letter of Interest presented and no public hearing was called. As such, it was counsel's suggestion to terminate the Inducement Resolution. Counsel will send a letter to the applicant

outlining its concerns.

**6) ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business brought before the Agency, Mr. Zegarelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Martin and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

The next regular meeting of the Utica Industrial Development Agency is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 9:00am at City Hall via WebEx and in-person.