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# CITY OF UTICA

## URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

### CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – June 9, 2022 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, Councilman Joseph Betrus, Councilman Robert Burmaster, Lonnie Jenkins, Michael Mahoney, Marques Phillips

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Stephanie DiGiorgio, Assistant Corporation Counsel

**Excused:** Joseph Burke

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Brian Thomas at 9:40am

#### **ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes**

Joseph Betrus made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Mahoney and passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

##### **Item #2 – Revisit Reversion of 723 Roberts Street**

Attorney David Goldbas attended the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to contest the reversion of the property. The Board gave them 30 days to pull all permits, supply a timeline of what repairs need to be made and when they would be completed as well as to show financial ability.

Attorney David Goldbas appeared before the URA Board again today. He supplied financial documentation as well as a report from Zangrilli Engineering detailing the work that has been completed and the remaining work that needs to be completed to bring the property up to code. Attorney Goldbas said that no permits were pulled because they were waiting to hear the decision from the board on the reversion. The Board told Attorney Goldbas that they needed to pull all necessary permits for work to be done on the properties and to establish a time frame for work to be completed once the permits are pulled. There also seem to be an issue with the next door neighbor storing his “scrapping” materials on the side of their property creating an issue of debris piling up. They have tried to deal with him but they are intimidated by him and his large dogs. Mayor Palmieri asked that Attorney Goldbas reach out to the next door neighbor on behalf of the owners with a Cease and Desist letter to try and alleviate this problem. Attorney Goldbas agreed to take care of this moving forward.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to table this until the next meeting where Attorney Goldbas will present proof of all permits pulled, a time frame for remaining repairs and proof of an attempt (Letter) made to the next door neighbor to have him Cease and Desist with storing the “scrapping” materials on their property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

#### New Business

##### **Item #3 – 1226 Whitesboro Street**

An offer was received from Eddy Soriano in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 1226 Whitesboro Street. The bidder plans to create additional parking for his property at 1224 Whitesboro Street. A second offer was received

from George Waters in the amount of \$250.00. The bidder plans to create additional parking for his property at 1228 Whitesboro Street.

Marques Phillips made a motion to table this for 2 weeks asking that the Bidders come up with a plan that would benefit both of them and if they were unable to do this the Board would make a decision at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #4 Approval of Public Authorities Accountability Act Documents**

Annual review of documents prior to submitting in accordance with Public Authorities Act

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, Internal Control Statements, Investment Report and Policy, Procurement Report and Policy and Operation and Accomplishments reporting will provide more information on authority operations. In addition, the State Comptroller is granted discretion to review certain public authority contracts ensuring a higher level of oversight of public authority contracts.

All documents related to this were emailed to Board members.

Michael Mahoney made a motion to approve the annual PAAA documents as presented. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #5 - Adjournment**

Marques Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06am. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 by Cathy Mack