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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – May 12, 2022 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Gene Allen, Cathy Mack, Assistant Corporation Council Stephanie DiGiorgio, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:33am

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Councilman Joseph Betrus made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Burmaster and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Item #3 – Revisit Reversion of 723 Roberts St. and 723 ½ Roberts St. – Owner Contesting

On October 15, 2015 the property at 723 and 723 ½ Roberts St. was purchased by the Neosha Broady & Magdelyn Broady from the Utica Urban Renewal Agency. The property came before the URA Board for possible Reversion on April 14, 2022. The owner was notified to attend the meeting of the URA Board to show reason why such action should not be taken. No one attended the meeting. Marques Phillips with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to Revert the property at 723 Roberts St. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Attorney David Goldbas, attended the May 12th meeting of the URA Board to contest the reversion of the property on behalf of the owners.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to table the decision until the June 9, 2022 URA meeting at which time the owners or their representative will need to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy form the Codes Department for 723 Roberts St. and to provide a redevelopment proposal detailing the items needed to restore the house at 723 ½ Roberts. The report should include estimated costs to complete the project, a budget to show they have the funds necessary to complete the renovations and a timeline as to when the renovations will be completed. They also need to supply documentation of obtaining all required permits – Building, Plumbing, & Electrical. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

New Business

Item #4 – Discussion Accepting 915 Haak Ave. back from owner

Mr. Ivan Tarasenko purchased the property from the URA on May 10, 2019 for \$1,000.00. His plan was to renovate for Rental/Income Property. Little to no work was done on the property since he acquired it. On 4-27-2022 he was cited by codes for an unsafe structure. He met with Chief Building Inspector Daniel Cozza on 5-5-2022. As a result of the inspection he inquired if he could return the property to Urban Renewal.

Mike Mahoney, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to accept the property back from Mr. Ivan Tarasenko. The motion was seconded by Mayor Robert M. Palmieri and passed unanimously.

Item #5 – Discussion Possible Reversion of 1506 Dudley Ave.

In November 26, 2018 we sold the property at 1506 Dudley Ave. to Tair Alili. On October 14, 2019 he passed away. The property has sat vacant ever since and is now two years in arrears for taxes. The property has become a target in the neighborhood and has been re-boarded and secured several times.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to revert the property back to the URA pending a search to discover if Tair Alili has any relatives that would protest the reversion or agree to take on the redevelopment proposal of the property. The motion was seconded by Joe Betrus and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 Adjournment

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May, 2022 by Gene A. Allen