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# CITY OF UTICA

## URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

### CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2023 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, Councilman Joseph Betrus, Councilman Robert Burmaster, Joseph Burke, Marques Phillips, Mike Mahoney, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas

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

#### **EXCUSED**

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

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

Marques Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Item #2 1661 Steuben St.**

At the January 12, 2023 meeting 22 bidders placed an offer on the property at 1661 Steuben St. A motion was made to approve the sale of the 1661 Steuben St. to one of the following six bidders:

Bidder # 2 - Amar Okanovic in the amount of \$15,000.00. Bidder #13 Moe Kyaw & Hla Hla Win in the amount of \$30,000.00. Bidder #15 Carlos Eduardo Rena Uceta. In the amount of \$30,000.00. Bidder #16 Manuel A. Sisalima & Maria Carangui in the amount of \$30,000.00. Bidder # 20 Claudio Edmundo Muyumbay Avila in the amount of \$40,000.00. Bidder # 21 Chun Liu in the amount of \$48,000.00.

Each of the six bidders were called back to the Urban Renewal meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 for the board to consider their offers. The bidders were told they will have the option to adjust their applications by providing additional information, finances and or to raise their offer if they so wish. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Burmaster and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to discuss the sale of 1661 Steuben St. in Executive Session. After coming out of Executive Session Councilman Robert Burmaster, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to approve the sale of 1661 Steuben St. to Claudio Edmundo Muyumbay Avila in the amount of \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

##### **Item #3 1507 Sunset Ave.**

An offer was received from Blanco & Sons Realty, Inc. (aka Jose Blanco) for the property at 1507 Sunset Ave in the amount of \$250.00. the bidder plans to Fence, Landscape and Create additional Parking.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to approve the sale of 1507 Sunset Ave. to Blanco & Sons Realty, Inc. in the amount of \$250.00. the motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

**Item #4 112 Louisa St.**

An offer was received from George Torres for the property at 112 Louisa St. in the Amount of \$250.00. the bidder plans to Fence and repair the current driveway for parking.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to approve the sale of 112 Louisa to George Torres. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

**Item #5 1416 Neilson St.**

An offer was received from Vimal Patel in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the property at 1416 Neilson St. The bidder plans Occupy for Primary Residence. This is a fire damaged property with extensive structural issues that is on the Demo List.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a motion to approve The sale of 1416 Neilson Street to Vimal Patel contingent on the bidder having a report from a structural engineer attesting to the fact that the structure can be renovated . The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

**Item #6 Executive Session**

A motion was made at 10:04 am by Councilman Joseph Betrus to go into Executive Session to discuss the offer for 1661 Steuben St. The motion was seconded by Joseph Burke and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Marques Phillips to come out of Executive Session at 10:20 am. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

**Item #7 Adoption of 2023 – 2024 URA Budget.**

Mahoney, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered made a made a motion to approve the Adoption of the 2023 -2024 URA Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #8 Adjournment**

Danielle Faulkner-Forgas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. The motion was seconded Michael Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 by Gene A. Allen