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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2023 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

MEMBERS ATTENDING Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, Councilman Joe Betrus, Councilman Robert Burmaster, Mike Mahoney, Marques Phillips, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas

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

EXCUSED: Joe Burke

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:34 am

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Councilman Joseph Betrus made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2023 URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Burmaster and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Item #2 – 307 Leah

An offer was received from Frank Raspante, aka GJ Holdings, LLC. in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 307 Leah St. The bidder plans to keep it as green space.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency having been considered, made a motion to approve the sale to Bidder #1 Frank Raspante, aka GJ Holdings, LLC. in the amount of \$250.00, contingent on having the adjacent properties consolidated at the time of closing. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

New Business

Item # 3 Potential Reversion of Property at 126 Eagle St.

Jose Raimer De La Cruz Hernandez purchased the property at 126 Eagle St. on February 22, 2022. Since that time no visible work has been observed. He received notice on May 19, 2023, and a Final Notice June 5, 2023 notifying him that he was out of compliance with his redevelopment proposal and could face possible reversion of the property.

He was given 40 days from the receipt of the July 5th letter to contact URA if he opposed the possible reversion. He was informed he must attend the 8-10-23 meeting of the URA Board to request an extension of his work proposal. Mr. Hernandez did not attend the meeting on 8-10-23. No action was taken.

ITEM #4 Adjournment

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 am. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of August, 2023 by Gene A. Allen