

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2014
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mike Mahoney, Phil Montana, Joan Harris, Ed Bucciero

EXCUSED: Fred Matrulli, Samantha Colosimo-Testa, Mayor Palmieri

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Gene Allen, Andy Brindisi

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 10:00 AM

ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Phil Montana made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 1137 Neilson Street

An offer was received from Cristian Avila in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 1137 Neilson Street. The bidder plans to create parking for his adjacent property.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to table this property until the next meeting due to the bidder not being present at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 161 Hobart Street

An offer was received from Orest Wojtowycz in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 161 Hobart Street. The bidder plans to landscape for his adjacent property.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Orest Wojtowycz as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 161 Hobart Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 1309 & 1311 Sunset Avenue

An offer was received from David Singe in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the property located at 1309 & 1311 Sunset Avenue. The bidder plans to renovate for income property and landscape the lot. Let the record reflect that Mr. Singe is an employee of the City of Utica Police Department.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate David Singe as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 139 & 1311 Sunset Avenue with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #25 1011 & 1015 Warren Street

An offer was received from Raul Polanco in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the property located at 1011 & 1015 Warren Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property and create parking. A second offer was received from Teofilo Sepulveda in the

amount of \$2,000.00. The bidder plans to renovate for income property and maintain the lot as green space.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the applications received on this property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #26 311 Lansing Street

An offer was received from Bajro Smajic in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 311 Lansing Street. The bidder plans to renovate for income property.

The board asked Mr. Smajic to increase his offer to \$1,000.00, explaining to him that we sell lots for \$250.00 and we do not sell houses for less than \$1,000.00. Mr. Smajic was not willing to increase his bid.

Joan Harris made a motion to reject Mr. Smajic's offer based on the amount of his offer. The motion was seconded by Ed Bucciero and defeated 2 -2.

Mike Mahoney explained to Mr. Smajic again why we wanted him to increase his offer and that if he did not he would not be awarded the property. Mr. Smajic agreed to increase his offer to \$1,000.00.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Bajro Smajic as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 311 Lansing Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Mike Mahoney made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. to review applications submitted to the Agency. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously. Joan Harris made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

ITEM #27 1011 & 1015 Warren Street

Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Teofilo Sepulveda as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1011 & 1015 Warren Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Phil Montana and passed unanimously.

ITEM #28 Adjournment

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35a.m. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of February, 2014
Cathy Mack