

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Joan Harris, Michael Mahoney, Fred Matrulli, Dave Farina,
Councilman Ed Bucciero

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Derek Crossman, Joe Hobika, Sr., Andy Brindisi,
Cathy Mack, Gene Allen

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Mayor Rob Palmieri, Sam Colosimo-Testa

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:35am

ITEM # 1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Fred Matrulli made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

Old Business

ITEM #2 1220 Capital Avenue

Sale of 1220 Capital Avenue to Jose Gomez on July 16, 2015 was rejected by the Common Council on September 2, 2015. The property was put back on the market for resale on September 4, 2015. An offer was received from Jose Gomez in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the property located at 1220 Capital Avenue. The bidder plans to renovate for primary residence. A second offer was received from Bridge Brook Partners LLC in the amount of \$9,000.00 to renovate for income property. A third offer was received from Nidia Heredia Rivera in the amount of \$7,000.00 to renovate for primary residence. A fourth offer was received from Johnny Paredes and Luisa Carrasco in the amount of \$7,500.00 to renovate for primary residence. A fifth offer was received from Carmen Alvarez in the amount of \$8,000.00 to renovate for primary residence.

Dave Farina made a motion to review the sale of this property in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously. After review, Mike Mahoney made a motion to designate Jose Gomez as an eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 1220 Capital Avenue contingent that the bidder raise their bid to \$7,000 and with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

New Business

ITEM #3 933 Saratoga Street

An offer was received from Christopher Mendoza in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the property located at 933 Saratoga Street. The bidder plans to renovate the property for primary residence.

Joan Harris made a motion to reject the offer by Christopher Mendoza due to the bidders absence from the board meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Joan Harris to rescind her motion to reject the offer made by Christopher Mendoza because he appeared at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously. A third motion was made by Fred Matrulli to designate Christopher Mendoza as a qualified and eligible project sponsor for the redevelopment of 933 Saratoga Street contingent that the bidder raise their bid to \$3,000 and with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ed Bucciero and passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 324 South Street

An offer was received from Amalia Gasparotti in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the properties located at 324 South Street. The bidder plans for renovate for primary residence.

Mike Mahoney made a motion to table the properties located at 324 South Street for 30 days for additional marketing. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 709 Stevens Street

An offer was received from Richard Baker in the amount of \$250.00 for the property located at 709 Stevens Street. The bidder plans to create additional parking.

Fred Matrulli made a motion to designate Richard Baker as a qualified and eligible project sponsors for the redevelopment of 709 Stevens Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 1601 and 1603 Whitesboro Street

An offer was received from Elmora Ivory in the amount of \$500.00 for the properties located at 1601 and 1603 Whitesboro Street. The bidder plans to fence and landscape.

Joan Harris made a motion to designate Elmora Ivory as a qualified and eligible project sponsors for the redevelopment of 1601 and 1603 Whitesboro Street with the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and any necessary permits are obtained for work to be completed on the property. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 Transfer of Funds

Urban Renewal staff requested a transfer of funds of \$3,500.00 within cost centers to cover the registration of Gene Allen in the lead inspector/assessment class being held at UNHS as well as airfare, transportation, lodging, meals and incidentals for the Cities of Service coalition in Houston, Texas.

Michael Mahoney made a motion to approve the transfer for the aforementioned purposes. The motion was seconded by Dave Farina and passed unanimously.

ITEM #8 Executive Session

Joan Harris made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:05A.M. to discuss the sale of real property at 1220 Capital Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Mike Mahoney to come out of Executive Session at 10:12A.M. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

ITEM #9 Adjournment

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13A.M. The motion was seconded by Joan Harris and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of October, 2015
Derek Crossman