

**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2019
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Mayor Robert Palmieri, Councilman Robert DeSanctis, Dave Farina, Michael Mahoney, Fred Matrulli

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brian Thomas, Cathy Mack, Gene A. Allen, Kathryn Hartnett, Assistant Corporation Council, Merima Smajic, Assistant Corporation Council

EXCUSED: Robin Harris

CALL TO ORDER: By Brian Thomas at 9:42 A.M.

Brian Thomas asked for a moment of silence to remember long time Board Member Councilman Bill Phillips who recently passed away.

Note: Brian Thomas had to leave the meeting early – Mike Mahoney continued to run the meeting in his absence.

ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes

Dave Farina made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert DeSanctis and passed unanimously.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

ITEM #2 1201 Whitesboro St.

An offer was received from Gary Singh in the amount of \$250.00 for the lot at 1201 Whitesboro St. The bidder plans to keep it as a grassy area and add it to his adjacent property.

Mayor Robert Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered by the Agency made a motion to accept the offer from Gary Singh on the condition that all applicable codes are complied with, and that he consolidates the two properties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert DeSanctis and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 1110 Seymour Ave.

An offer was received from Chandra Rai in the amount of \$250.00 for the lot at 1110 Seymour Ave. The bidder plans to fence the area and add it to his adjacent property.

Councilman Robert DeSanctis, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered by the Agency made a motion to accept the offer from Chandra Rai on the condition that all applicable codes are complied with, and that he consolidates the two properties. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 1227 Whitesboro St.

An offer was received from Teofilo Sepulveda in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the house at 1227 Whitesboro St. The bidder plans to Occupy for Primary Residence.

A second offer was received from Enrique Lemus in the amount of \$2,500.00 The bidder plans to Renovate for Rental/Income Property.

Fred Matrulli, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered by the Agency made a motion to accept the offer from Bidder 1 Teofilo Sepulveda on the condition that all applicable codes are complied with. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert DeSanctis and passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 938 Saratoga St.

An offer was received from R.W. Projects, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the house at 938 Saratoga St. Whitesboro St. The bidder plans to Renovate for Rental/Income. The Bidder was not present at the meeting.

A second offer was received from Edgar Fernandez in the amount of \$4,000.00. The bidder plans to Occupy for Primary Residence.

Fred Matrulli, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered by the Agency made a motion to accept the offer from Bidder 2 Edgar Fernandez on the condition that all applicable codes are complied with and that he moves his family here. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert DeSanctis and passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 Warren St 318.48-3-85.3. Adj. Bargain Grocer

An offer was received from Compassion Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the lot at Lincoln Ave. adjacent to the Bargain Grocer Store. The Bidder plans to construct a 10,000 square foot warehouse to accommodate expansion of the store.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, with the factors established by the Agency for selection of a purchaser having been considered by the Agency made a motion to accept the offer from Compassion Coalition on the condition that all applicable codes are complied with, that they consolidate the properties. The motion was seconded by Fred Matrulli and passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 Transfer of Funds

Staff requested Transfer of funds within cost centers to cover the purchase of gas for the URA car and the re-imbursement of mileage for Paul Buckley.

From: CU58620 471	Misc.	\$300.00
To: CU58620 463	Gas & Oil	\$300.00

Staff requested a second Transfer of funds within cost centers to cover current balance owed and bills which will be incurred in March for City Limits.

From: CU58620 461	Repairs	\$3200.00
To CU58620 407	Advertising	\$3200.00

Michael Mahoney made a motion to approve the two transfers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert DeSanctis and passed unanimously.

ITEM #8 Adjournment

Dave Farina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 am. The motion was seconded by Michael Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of March, 2019
Gene A. Allen