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# CITY OF UTICA

## URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

### CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2021 1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Councilman Robert Burmaster, Councilman Joseph Betrus,  
Lonnie Jenkins, Michael Mahoney, Marques Phillips

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brian Thomas, Gene Allen, Cathy Mack, Assistant Corporation Council Kate Hartnett,  
Assistant Corporation Merima Smajic

**EXCUSED:** Mayor Robert M. Palmieri, Fred Matrulli

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Brian Thomas at 9:34 AM

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

Michael Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2020 Special URA meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

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#### **New Business**

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#### **ITEM #2 Transfer of funds**

The Agency staff requested approval to transfer funds within cost centers to cover mileage re-imbusement for Paul Buckley and fuel charges for URA car through the end of the current fiscal year.

<b>From:</b>	CU58620.422 Electric	\$250.00
<b>To:</b>	CU58620.463 Fuel	\$250.00

Michael Mahoney made a motion to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Marques Phillips and passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM #3 Scheduling of Public Hearing**

Agency Staff and Corporation Counsel requested approval to schedule public hearings in contemplation of the use of eminent domain for a number of parcels necessary to complete the MVHS project in Downtown. The properties include:

- County tax id #'s 318.33-3-15, 16, 18, and 19 - more commonly referred to as 402 and 502-506 State Street and 508 and 510-512 Lafayette Street.
- County tax id # 318.41-2-38 - more commonly referred to as 411 Columbia Street.
- County tax id # 318.33-3-11 - more commonly referred to as 500-504 Columbia Street

Marques Phillips made a motion to approve the scheduling the public hearings. The motion was seconded by Mike Mahoney and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #4 Adoption of the 2021 – 2022 URA Budget**

The draft budget for the Utica Urban Renewal Agency for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was submitted to the Urban Renewal Agency Board for approval.

Michael Mahoney made a motion to adopt the 2021 – 2022 Utica Urban Renewal Agency Budget. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Jenkins and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #5 Appropriation from the URA Fund Balance**

Brian Thomas requested the Board to consider an appropriation of fund balance in the amount of \$70,000.00 as matching funds for a grant of \$623,000 from the State Environmental Facilities Corporation to convert the eastern portion of the city-owned Car Park parking lot into a multipurpose event space that still allows for parking.

The event space will still permit parking, but will also allow for other events which will complement the Stanley Theatre as well as the Artspace project for which this Board approved an option agreement at its last meeting. The multipurpose event space will be designed to include 'green' infrastructure that addresses stormwater and keeps it from impacting the combined sewer system.

Marques Phillips made a motion to approve the appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Burmaster and passed unanimously.

**ITEM #6 Adjournment**

Mike Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 by Gene A. Allen