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**CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES – August 22, 2024  
1 KENNEDY PLAZA, UTICA, NEW YORK 13502**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Michael P. Galime, Councilman Joseph Betrus, Councilman Venice Ervin, Joe Burke, Danielle Faulkner-Forgas, Marques Phillips, Nick Brindenbecker,

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Assistant Corporation Council Stephanie DiGiorgio, Cathy Mack, Gene Allen

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Cathy Mack at 9:34 am

**ITEM #1 Approval of Agency Minutes**

Nick Brindenbecker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024 URA meeting. The motion was seconded Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

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**Old Business**

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**Item #2 319.055-1-22 – Pellettieri Ave.**

An offer was received from Seleiman Adan & Maka Haidar (who were not present at this meeting) in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 319.55-1-22 Pellettieri Ave. The bidder plans to create additional parking for their property at 927 Catherine St. A second offer was received from Daniel Cornojo & Maria Cornojo (former owners) in the amount of \$250.00 + back taxes of \$571.09. The bidders plan to maintain the property which is fenced, paved and used as a driveway for their property.

At the July 11, 2024 meeting, the property had been tabled to allow engineering to determine potential subdivision of the lot and a new curb cut. Nick Brindenbecker (City Engineer) presented the subdivision/consolidation map to the board and bidders for their review.

Mayor Michael P. Galime, with the factors established by the Agency, made a motion to award the back portion of the subdivided parcel (awaiting new tax id #) to Bidder #1, Seleiman Adan & Maka Haidar for the amount of \$250.00 contingent on having the two properties consolidated at closing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously.

Mayor Michael P. Galime, with the factors established by the Agency, made a motion to award the front portion of the subdivided parcel (awaiting new tax id #) to bidder #2, Daniel Cornojo & Maria Cornojo (former owners) in the amount of \$650.00 (\$250.00 for lot & \$400.00 in taxes as they are not purchasing the lot as a whole) contingent on having the two properties consolidated at closing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously

**ITEM #3 123 Leah St.**

An offer was received from Cameron McClain & Jenelle Gerling in the amount of \$250.00 for the property at 123 Leah St. The bidder plans to fence the property. In the course of the meeting the bidders amended their offer to include the adjacent vacant lot at 125 Leah with an agreed upon price of \$1.00.

The sale of this property was tabled at the July 11, 2024 meeting to allow the URA Marketing Director to reach out to the adjacent property owners to determine if they had an interest in purchasing the lot at 125

Leah Street, which is adjacent to their property. The Agency received no other offers on the lot at 125 Leah Street.

Mayor Michael P. Galime, with the factors established by the Agency, made a motion to award the lots at 123 Leah Street and 125 Leah Street to Cameron McClain & Jenelle Gerling in the amount of \$250.00 for 123 Leah St. and 125 Leah St. for \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Betrus and passed unanimously

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**New Business**

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**No New Business**

**Item# 6      Adjournment**

Marques Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38am. The motion was seconded by Danielle Faulkner-Forgas and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024 by Gene A. Allen