

**NIAGARA FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**Minutes of Meeting – January 28, 2013**  
**City Hall – 745 Main Street – Committee-of-the-Whole Room**  
**Niagara Falls, New York**

**Present:** Mayor Paul A. Dyster, Chairman  
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti  
Council Member Charles Walker  
Mr. Michael Hooper  
Ms. Janet Markarian  
Ms. Doreen O'Connor

**Absent:** Council Member Robert Anderson  
Council Member Glenn Choolokian  
Council Member Samuel Fruscione  
Mr. Jeffrey Paterson

**Staff**

**Present:** Mr. Richard Zucco, Legal Counsel  
Ms. MaryAnn Colangelo, Recording Secretary

**Others** Mr. Craig Johnson  
**Present:** Mr. Seth Piccirillo  
Ms. Maria Brown

Mayor Dyster called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present (6 Members).

**Minutes of Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting dated July 16, 2012, were put before the Board. There were no questions or comments. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Mr. Hooper, second made by Ms. O'Connor. Unanimously approved by voice vote (6 members).

**URA Meeting Schedule for 2013:**

For the Board's information, the 2013 URA meeting scheduled was presented. The URA meeting dates set for 2013 are as follows: January 28, March 11, May 20, July 15, September 9, and November 18. All meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, unless notified otherwise.

**Election of Officers for 2013:**

Mayor Dyster stated that the current list of 2012 URA officers are as follows:

Chief Fiscal Officer – Council Member Grandinetti  
Alt. Fiscal Officer – Council Member Fruscione  
Secretary – Doreen O'Connor  
Alt. Secretary – Council Member Walker

Mayor Dyster stated that if we re-elected the same slate of officers for 2013 it would relieve the Agency of the having to re-do banking signature cards. Mayor Dyster asked for any objections or comments. There were no objections or comments to keeping the same 2012 slate of officers for 2013. Mayor Dyster asked Richard Zucco if the entire slate could be voted on at

one time with a voice vote. Mr. Zucco stated that it would be acceptable to vote in that manner. Mayor Dyster asked for a single motion to approve the following URA officers for 2013:

2013 Officers:

Chief Fiscal Officer – Council Member Grandinetti

Alt. Fiscal Officer – Council Member Fruscione

Secretary – Doreen O'Connor

Alt. Secretary – Council Member Walker

Motion to approve the above 2013 slate of officers was made by Council Member Grandinetti, second made by Doreen O'Connor. There being no objections, the item was unanimously approved by voice vote (6 members).

**Banking Resolution:**

Mayor Dyster stated that since we are keeping the same 2012 slate of officers for 2013, Item #8 on the Agenda, Execution of Banking Resolution Naming Authorized Officers of the Agency, would not have to be approved. This resolution would authorize new officers to sign bank signatory cards for the Agency. Mr. Zucco advised that since there was no change in officers the resolution did not have to be acted upon.

**Old Business:**

Mayor asked for any old business to discuss.

Mr. Zucco stated that based on the fact that not a lot of business has been conducted with the URA and based on statutory waiver provisions the Agency requested that the State Authority Budget office waive our reporting requirements. This was asked over a year ago and a reply was never received. However, periodically Mr. Zucco would receive emails saying that the Agency was in non-compliance. A reply has finally been received from the State and that answer was that we are still an active organization and must comply. Only if the Agency was dissolved and didn't exist, the requirements would be waived. Mr. Zucco proposed retaining the City's Auditors that did the reporting for N.F.C. to prepare the necessary State reports for URA. The cost to N.F.C. last year was \$2,500. However, the auditors may require some additional auditing of the URA books. Mr. Zucco noted that the URA has been audited in connection with the single audit of the City's books. Mr. Zucco proposed that the URA authorize up to \$5,000, to retain Bonadio & Co. to file the Authority Budget Office reports. Mr. Zucco felt it may not cost that much, however, to keep from possibly having to come back to the Board asking for additional funds he asked for that amount to be approved. The reports, when complete, will come back to the Agency for approval.

Mayor Dyster talked about the importance of keeping the Agency an active entity given the prospect of future development needs.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Grandinetti to retain the firm of Bonadio & Co. to prepare the reports for the Urban Renewal Agency as required by the NYS Authority Budget office at a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Second to the motion made by Janet Markarian. No objections were made to the motion.

**POLLED VOTE:**

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Approved

**New Business:**

Mayor Dyster asked for any new business to be brought before the Agency. No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mayor Dyster asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Grandinetti, second made by Janet Markarian. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.