

NIAGARA FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Minutes of Meeting June 10th 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting – 616 Niagara Street
Niagara Falls, New York

Present: Mayor Robert Restaino
Council Member Christopher Voccio
Council Member Andrew Touma.
Council Member John Span Bauer
Council Member William Kennedy-
Mrs. Doreen O’Connor
Mr. Doug Mooradian

Absent: Council Member Ken Tompkins
Mr. Hooper

Staff Thomas DeSantis, AICP
Present: Mr. Doug Janese
Ms. Michelle Shaughnessy

Mayor Robert Restaino called the meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated: February 5, 2020 Motion to approve the minutes with date correction was made by Council Member Voccio and seconded by Council Member Touma.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0
Approved Unanimously

2. Approval of 2020 Budget

Council Member Voccio asked why the Rental Lease agreement is lower in 2020 then in 2019. Doug Janese explained that the half of the Lease Agreement in 2019 had to held while the other half could be spent.

Motion to Approve was made by Council Member Voccio and seconded by Council Member Spanbauer.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0
Approved Unanimously

3. Approval of Design, Construction and Consulting Services by Wendel for the South Downtown Gateway Project-Phase II

Mayor Restaino stated the \$24,120.00 would be coming out of the URA Budget.

Motion to Approve was made by Council Member Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Mooradian.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor:	7
Opposed:	0
Approved	Unanimously

4. Niagara Street Gateway Redevelopment Strategy: Approval and Adoption

Motion to Approve was made by Council Member Voccio and seconded by Mrs. O'Connor.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor:	7
Opposed:	0
Approved	Unanimously

5. Discussion of NY Gateway District Project Cultivation Strategy: Covid-19 Update

Dan Leonard was present virtually and explained that they are still pushing forward even with the Covid 19 restraints. The marketing group is being used for virtual projects such as Zoom meeting and presentations. This will allow them to walk through their vision of projects. When the restrictions start to lift they will be meeting directly with developers.

Mr. Leonard stated that they are holding a Webinar in the next few weeks for Developers that they will be emailing out next week. With this being virtual, there will be no restraints on the number of attendees or on time.

Mr. Leonard stated the Canadian market is very surprised there are incentives over here as they have no incentives. They are in hopes by mid summer to start cultivating projects with public invitations not as RFP's.

Old Business- NONE

New Business- NONE

Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Council Member Touma, second made by Council Member Kennedy. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.