

NIAGARA FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Minutes of Meeting January 17, 2017
City Council Chambers – 745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York

Present: Council Member Ezra Scott Jr.
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti
Council Member Tompkins
Council Member Andrew Touma
Council Member Charles Walker
Mr. Michael Hooper
Mr. Christopher Robins

Absent: Ms. Janet Markarian
Ms. Doreen O'Connor
Mayor Paul Dyster, Chairman

Staff Mr. Anthony Vilaro
Present: Mr. Richard Zucco
Mrs. Michelle Shaughnessy

Others Mr. Tom DeSantis
Present:

Council Member Kristen Grandinetti volunteered as Acting Chair in absence of Mayor Dyster. All Board Members were in favor.

Council Member Kristen Grandinetti called the meeting to order at 4:47 P.M. Roll was called and a quorum was present (7 members).

Approval of Minutes from November 7th, 2016 meeting:

The Minutes of Meeting dated November 8th, 2016, were put before the Board. The date was incorrect on them ,should have been November 7th 2016, so motion to approve the minutes with correct date was made by Council Member Walker and Seconded by Mr. Robins.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Approved

URA meeting Schedule for 2017 was reviewed with the Board members. Also informed URA still holds the right to call Special meetings when needed.

Election of Chief Fiscal Officer for 2017

Election of Alternate Fiscal Officer for 2017

Election of Secretary for 2017

Election of Alternate Secretary for 2017

Council Member Kristen Grandinetti motioned that all these Agenda items be voted upon in one vote if all Board Member were in agreeance with keeping their current positions. Seconded by Council Member Charles Walker.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0

Approved

Election of Chief Fiscal Officer for 2017- will remain Council Member Kristen Grandinetti.
Election of Alternate Fiscal Officer for 2017 will remain Council Member Andrew Touma.
Election of Secretary for 2017 will remain Ms. Doreen O'Connor.
Election of Alternate Secretary for 2017 will remain Council Member Charles Walker.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0

Approved

Approval of Banking Resolution naming authorized officers of the Agency.

That the Agency continue to maintain checking or savings accounts and certificates of deposit in M&T Bank. That the newly elected officers are authorized to sign such bank signatory cards and standard banking resolutions as may be necessary to effectuate this resolution. Motion to approve made by Council Member Charles Walker, seconded by Mr. Robins.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0

Approved

Approval of 2017 URA Budget :

Motion to Table this Agenda item until next meeting when budget information in available to the Board was made by Council Member Tompkins and seconded by Council Member Charles Walker.

POLLED VOTE:

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0

Approved

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Old Business -None

New Business

Board Member Janet Markarian notified Anthony Vilaro that she is resigning due to family health issues, more information on her replacement will be made available as that time comes. Council Member Kristen Grandinetti asked what the main criteria for being a Board Member is and Mr. Zucco stated the main criteria is being a Niagara Falls resident.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Council Member Andrew Touma, second made by Mr. Robins. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 P.M.