

**NIAGARA FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**Minutes of Meeting May 18, 2022**  
**745 Main Street**  
**Niagara Falls, New York**

**Present:**

Mayor Restaino  
John Spanbauer  
Michael Hooper  
David Zajac  
Kenny Thompkins  
Doreen O'Connor

**Absent:**

Donta Myles  
Traci Bax  
Doug Mooradian

**Staff Present:**

Sarina Deacon, Planning Clerk  
Eric Cooper, Executive Director of the URA  
Maria Brown, URA Accountant  
Tom Tedesco, Director of Business Development  
Chris Mazur, URA Counsel

Mayor Robert Restaino called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

1. Roll Call

Mayor Restaino  
John Spanbauer  
Michael Hooper  
David Zajac  
Kenny Thompkins  
Doreen O'Connor

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 4th was made by MR. SPANBAUER and seconded by MR. TOMPKINS

**POLLED VOTE:**

In Favor:	6
Opposed:	0
<b>Approved</b>	Unanimously

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3. Presentation of 2021 Audit

Maria Brown, a URA Accountant, explained the audit to the URA members. MS. BROWN stated that if members wanted to see any financials to visit the City's website. She stated that members could go back and look at the history of all financials as a public authority. MS. BROWN stated that the letter from the auditors to the NFC and URA outlined any issues that the auditors may have had with the audit. She stated no issues were found.

MS. BROWN stated the net position went up slightly from 2020 to 2021. She stated the URA had approved a grant for the South-End Downtown Gateway Area Revitalization Project. MS. BROWN stated that the company Wendel had done consulting work for that particular project and NYS would reimburse their invoices up to 20%. MS. BROWN stated that the lease agreement at 3625 Highland Avenue could be discussed by the Mayor. She stated at the end of 2021, they owed the URA \$144,003.75. MS. BROWN stated there would not be much more activity until the other projects started. MS. BROWN encouraged the members to read the notes to the financials for extra background information.

4. URA Policy – Non Discrimination

A motion to implement the URA's Non Discrimination Policy was made by MS. O'Connor and seconded by MR. TOMPKINS

**POLLED VOTE:**

In Favor:	6
Opposed:	0
<b>Approved</b>	<b>Unanimously</b>

5. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

6. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by MR. TOMPKINS and seconded by MR. SPANBAUER.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11PM.