NIAGARA FALLS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Minutes of Meeting September 5th, 2018
City Council Chambers – 745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York

Present: Mayor Paul Dyster
Council Member Andrew Touma.
Council Member Christopher Voccio
Mr. Michael Hooper
Ms. Doreen O’Connor
Mr. Doug Mooradian-via phone

Excused: Mr. Christopher Robins
Council Member Tompkins
Council Member William Kennedy
Council Member Ezra Scott Jr.

Staff Mr. Anthony Vilardo
Present: Mr. Doug Janese
Mrs. Michelle Shaughnessy
Thomas DeSantis

Mayor Paul Dyster called the meeting to order at 4:52 P.M. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of URA Meeting dated July 25th, 2018:
No changes to be made.
Motion to approve with this change was made by Mrs. O’Connor, seconded by Council Member Touma.

POLLED VOTE:
In Favor: 6
Opposed: 0
Approved Unanimously

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Amendment, Paragraph 14, Number of Members needed to approve Amendment:
This Item was pulled as the needed Quorum for this Item was not present. Will be on the next URA meeting Agenda, 9-26-18.

ITEM PULLED

Proposed Constitution By-Law Amendment Paragraph 9, Meeting Dates:
This Item was pulled as the needed Quorum for this Item was not present. Will be on the next URA meeting Agenda, 9-26-18.

ITEM PULLED
Commitment Fee and Reimbursement for ESD Grant relative to 3625 Highland Avenue Business Park Project

Empire State Development ("ESD") has agreed to provide a grant to assist with the 3625 Highland Avenue Business Park Project via a Grant Disbursement Agreement ("GDA"). Part of the disbursement terms require that a payment be made for a commitment fee and reimbursements for ESD’s out-of-pocket expenses. The commitment fee is $5000.00 and the reimbursement for holding a public hearing total $343.35. Total payment to ESD needing approval is $5,343.35.

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Voccio, seconded by Council Member Touma. POLLED VOTE:

  In Favor: 6  
  Opposed: 0  
  Approved Unanimously

Old Business – None

New Business-

1. Mayor Dyster and Mr. Vilardo met with John Williams, of the NY Federal Reserve Bank, and several various County members today to discuss their thoughts on the growth within the City and what is affecting it.
2. Mr. Vilardo stated that currently there is a company interested in URA land on Highland Avenue. More information should be coming at the 9-26-18 meeting.
3. Vilardo and DeSantis are working on the 1.5 million Gateway Grant currently and may be coming to the Board in September or shortly there after.
4. Mr. Janese stated that the Cities Audit should be on the next meetings Agenda.

Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Council Member Voccio, second made by Council Member Touma. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M.