

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 7, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee was held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sokolich, Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator  
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk  
J. Sheldon Cohen, Borough Attorney

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner:

On October 16, 2019 notice of this reorganization meeting was e-mailed to the Record, The Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. This notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board at 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, N.J. and posted to the Borough website.

On December 10, 2019 a meeting time change notice was e-mailed to the Record, the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. This notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board at 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, N.J. and posted to the Borough website.

**Bergen County Clerk John Hogan** - He came forward to certify the election results. He also handed out certificates of commendation on behalf of James Tedesco, Bergen County Executive.

**State Assemblywoman Valerie Huttie** - She wished everyone a happy New Year and stated that the government of Fort Lee is represented by a Mayor and Council reflecting progress and with leadership and unity.

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend Spent of the Fort Lee Gospel Church offered the invocation for the New Year.

### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Mark Sokolich was sworn in as Mayor by U.S. Federal District Court Judge Brian Martinotti, his wife Denise held the Bible as he took his Oath of Office and sons Daniel and Devin and Redona joined them.

Ila Kasofsky was sworn in as Councilwoman by Mayor Mark Sokolich, her daughter Brett held the Bible as she took her Oath of Office.

Peter Suh was sworn in as Councilman by Bergen County Clerk John Hogan, his children, Aiden and Hailey held the Bible as he took his Oath of Office and his mother joined them.

### **MAYOR'S STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS**

“Next is the State of the Borough, which is my opportunity to give everybody a quick report as to where we have been during the course of 2019 and where I am hopeful that the Borough of Fort Lee will be going during the course of 2020. I am going to do things a little different this year. I have referred to my notes, I have notes now. I have done this for the, this will be the thirteenth time. And I started off the last several telling you that every morning I wake up and it still serves as a thrill to be the Mayor of Fort Lee and I could tell you that that thrill still exists in me. I wake up every single morning and there is still that enthusiasm and that excitement that I am the Mayor of my hometown.

Just, we are going to change the order of things for the State of the Borough because I realized the first 12 State of the Boroughs involved a lot of thank-yous. And those thank-yous included thanking the most important people in my life. And they always seem to be last on this speech. But today they are going to be first. So, with that, I wanted to extend my thanks to my beautiful wife Denise and my sons Daniel and Devin, all of whom are here. And I would like to thank, tell them that I love them very much and I am thankful to you for letting me do what I do because if you did not, I would not be able to sit up here. And I want you to know that I love you very, very much. And you are at the top of the list this year because you are at the top of my world and you are not going to be on the bottom of the list, and I am sorry about that for the last 12. So, Denise, Dan and Devin and, of course, Redona, thank you very, very much, I hope you know that I love you dearly. You, you make my world go around. And if it were not for your support and your permission, I would not be able to do this and fulfill this dream and. and fulfill this privilege of serving as the Mayor of my hometown. So, thank you very, very much and I love you very much and I could never ask for a better family.

And second to last in all of these Borough addresses has always been the Council. And I do not think that that is fair either. So, you are second tonight, in no particular order, but family first. Right, guys? And it just seems that I thank the Council at the end of these meetings, but they need to be thanked amongst the first. Because, we say it all the time, this is a collective effort here. You know serving as Mayor you get, you get a lot of credit and sometimes you get credit for stuff that you. you really did not do. But I take that credit because I get blamed for a lot of crap, I have nothing to do with. Right? I say that a lot. And I say it to make you laugh but it is the Gospel truth. So, I want to, from the bottom of my heart, extend my thanks to Paul and to Peter and to Joe and to Ila and to Michael. I would not do this without you. I know I would not do this without you, and it would not be as fun.

But I have a special thanks that I want to extend to my friend Harvey. Now Harvey is that guy that I call 20 minutes before some political breakfast in Saddle Brook or some congressional event in Stony Hill Inn. Or, I mean there is probably about 5,000 events that this poor man has gladly, gladly attended with me. And I think in the beginning maybe we did not know each other that well. Maybe he deemed it duty; Mayor was calling. But now it is love. And I love him. I love all of them. But Harvey's always there for me 24/7 so, Harvey, thank you. And I just wanted to separate you. I know that. And I know that it has been a tough week for you and Roberta, but time heals all wounds. So, and, Roberta, thank you for allowing me to share your husband. Frankly, I think I am more married to him at times than even you are in life. But it is what it is and I just, Harvey, wanted to just tell you thanks. And it is not because I love Harvey more than anybody else on the Council, it is just he is always with me. So, this Council and, and everybody else, thanks so much.

Another super big thank you has to go out to the folks that run this town on a day to day basis. Al Restaino. Where are you, Al? Al, thank you. How many years now, Al, six? I tell that story that Al started on January 2 of like 2013 and it was the same day that this email surfaced, "Time for Traffic Problems in Fort Lee". Right? Remember Bridgegate? This poor guy, he was organizing Borough Hall. He had NBC in the library. He had MSNBC in the conference room, CNN downstairs, ABC. And he was just, he was like a directing everything. And it was at that moment we knew that we had greatness in a Borough Administrator. Because if he can handle all of that media and keep everybody at bay and, and deal with it as systematically as he did, we knew he had greatness. And that is the guy that runs Fort Lee every day. No matter how crazy our ideas, no matter how silly the idea, Al is always there as our sounding board and we call him the great implementer. So, a round of applause to Al Restaino. Al will be, Al will be the first one to tell you that he, too, is no island. And we are going to get into thank-yous during the course of this. But the young lady to my right, she handles thousands and thousands and thousands of pages of paper, and that is on Monday. We did not even get to Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday. She keeps everybody's lives in order. Five years now, Ev? Five. It is five years and, and just it is not an easy, it is not an easy thing. And I just, a special thanks to Evelyn and, of course, and a special thanks to Evelyn. I just wanted to single them out and, of course, Nadine and Marilyn also as well. Because, again, you do it together. So, girls, thank you very much.

And I have to also thank Maryanne and Fran from my office. These girls keep our lives in order.

To my left, I am grateful to our esteemed attorney, Lee Cohen, for his sound legal advice. Lee, it's been 18, 19 years? Seventeen. Seventeen years and, that is it. Great. And congratulations.

I also wanted to do a quick shout out. 2019 saw a new political Chairman in Fort Lee. We saw the end of Joe Cervieri's six years as Chairman, where he served incredibly. With the loss of Kay Nest and Joe stepped up to the plate. And, Joe, we are forever thankful to you for that. This party did not regress; we progress. You had a win/loss record of whatever and oh. So, you were, undefeated and that is what the dream of a Chairman is. So, thank you very much. But 2019 saw a new Chairman in Marc Macri. And Marc is in the third row. And we just want to collectively extend our thanks to you, Marc, because we know how many hundreds of hours you put into this. Between fundraising and organizing and getting the enthusiasm going. And it is all part of it. And in Atlantic City, I mean I could go on and on and on, but we are eternally grateful. And you are a lifelong resident of this town and that is why you are doing it. And you are also doing it because you believe in us and you believe in the party and we truly believe that with you, us together, we formed a foundation here that is going to bring Fort Lee to plateaus that she would have never otherwise have dreamed of. So, Marc, thank you for your efforts. And, for the record, you got a standing ovation here. One guy to the left. I don't know what the other hundred and twelve people in the room were thinking but, Got it. Got it. Got it. So, Dan, you've guaranteed yourself some great appointments going forward by that standing ovation.

Okay. So, we are going to do this, and we are going to do it systematically. And I do not want to bore you, but I am going to tell you something, we get a lot of stuff done in this town. I have been to other reorganizations. I am not going to name other towns. They do not last that long. The speech is not that long. There is a reason for it. Not that much gets done.

We could keep you here for hours and talk about the stuff that's been accomplished over the course of 2019. There is not one thing on this list that I am about to highlight that wouldn't be the grand event in just about any other municipality in the State of New Jersey. But here it is just one of many things that we were able to pull off in 2019 and we are collectively very proud of it. Are we not, guys? It is a lot of work and it is a lot of effort.

We completed our parking deck, which is running incredibly well. We have Gloria from the Parking Authority here. To the Council, to the Parking Authority, Gloria, thank you very much for your efforts. Isn't it nice that that's behind us?

We are going to see, we, we have introduced a new branding campaign in Fort Lee. The Be Fort Lee campaign. I have had a million people ask me, what are you talking, what is this Be Fort Lee thing? It means it is working. It is to bring attention to the town. To talk about our diversity. To talk about all the businesses we have. All the things that we have done. The, the way we live. Our quality of life. Our, our first responders. Everything that makes up Fort Lee. And that is being run by our BDA. And it is doing great. And that is that big sign that you see at the corner of Main Street and Lemoine. And we are super excited about it. And during the course of 2020 you are going to hear a lot more about it.

We have commenced a process to start to construct new senior citizen housing. I have said this a hundred times, if you want to be a good elected official, you get to brag about the stuff you have accomplished but you need to concede where you did not deliver as well as you should have. And I am telling you that senior citizen housing, in my book, is an area that we need to work on. Because it is the one question that I am asked of on a regular basis that I have not had an answer to. And I think we have all experienced that. But we are going to change that in 2020 and we are going to introduce new senior citizen housing for this town, restricting it to the Borough of Fort Lee. And we are super excited about that.

We have implemented, finally, our adapted traffic light system during the course of 2019.

We cut a ribbon to a state-of-the-art middle school in 2019.

New courts, new tennis courts down at the Fort Lee Recreation Center.

We even put in a tax reserve. Over the course of 2019, get this, of over \$10 million. Now I am pretty sure there are not too many municipalities in the State of New Jersey that can boast about a tax reserve in excess of ten million bucks.

We introduced, I did we not, a new garden. Thanks to the generosity of the Luppino family.

We have replaced infrastructure in this town, during the course of 2019, second to none. We have new gas lines, new water lines, new electric. And we do that because we need to invest in our infrastructure. You know it is a problem because at the end of the day you do not see a shiny statue or a new park or, or a pool you can jump in. It is underground. People do not see it; we take it for granted. But there's not going to be water main breaks in Fort Lee. There is not going to be gas shutoffs or interruptions or utility interruptions in Fort Lee because our infrastructure is new, and we have always been smart enough to make sure that we invest in that infrastructure and boy did we in 2019. We have even increased our electrical capacity in many of the sections of Fort Lee that were in need of capacity.

2019 saw more pavement in the Borough of Fort Lee than in any other three-year period in our hundred and thirty-some-odd year history. We paved over 50 or 60 roads, certainly needed it because of the, the utility jobs that we had in town, but we accomplished it. And I am grateful to Michael Maresca and his crew. And I believe Michael is here. One of the State of New Jersey's best DPW guys and you could take that to the bank. You know, Mike, you do deserve a shout out. Because there's not a department head in this town that has not gone to you for something, whether it was a PBA memorial, there he is, PBA memorial. I, I, you asked me 20 times to include you in the speech. So now I am including you in the speech. You sent me 11 texts, make sure you mention me; I am doing it. From PBA memorials, I mean I remember I was Mayor for about 15 minutes, and I said it would be great if we could turf this American League Field; it is always flooding. A week later we were in the middle of turfing a field. I mean I defy anybody to tell me if there is a DPW or a General Services that can produce what we produce in the Borough of Fort Lee. And when I say Mike, I mean Pat, I mean Brian, I mean Joe, I mean everybody that is in those departments. So, thank you guys. Thank you very, very much.

Sustainable New Jersey. Ila, we maintain Bronze status, did we not? Which is an, incredible accomplishment.

We completed a two-acre park and freestanding restaurant. That project is done. In between the Moderns. And I am going to tell you that is probably the nicest two acres of soil in Bergen County. And that is not an exaggeration. Get an opportunity, go to the public park that Fort Lee owns in between Modern I and II and just walk around that park and I defy you to tell me that it is not one of the nicest areas in the State.

We have hired social media content manager who is in a fulltime position to handle Facebook and Instagram and all the other social media opportunities and channels that now Fort Lee avails itself to. And the idea is to make sure that everybody knows what we are doing, and everybody finds about it, out about it as quickly as we can.

Just recently we introduced, and I am going to mention this because it is really cool: WhatsApp, a clergy WhatsApp. All members of the clergy now are in town. I know Chief Hintze is well aware of it because he is on that app with me. So that we could communicate with each other all the time. I was in Austria last week and I saw the reports on Monsey, New York, and that, that lunatic that walked into that rabbi's house. I mean that is just an, we just need to make sure that does not happen here. Okay? And we got the best Police Department in the universe but that does not mean we should not be vigilant. And the WhatsApp app gives us the ability to communicate with the clergy and everybody all at the same time. And I am grateful to the Chief. I am grateful to Kristin for setting it up. And we have been on it regularly. And I think, Chief, we have already made inroads into other initiatives that they want, and I think we are going in the right direction.

We have expanded our many Borough offices; Fire Prevention, Building. We tried to make it as user-friendly as we can.

Redevelopment 5. I just wanted to express our thanks to Steve Pozycki and Vic Cividini. Modern I and II are just about fully stabilized. There's 450 units in each of those buildings and that is a lot of real estate to absorb into a sluggish market and they have accomplished that. Those two gentlemen have never refused this town. They built probably the two nicest high-rises that the State of New Jersey has ever seen. And every time we have asked them to do something or not do something, they have accommodated us. So, to Vic and to Steve, we are grateful to you.

2020 is also going to see a new owner, a new owner of Hudson Lights, which we are also super happy about. I will be the first one to tell you I am not enamored with the success of that retail district as of yet. But the folks that purchased it, and he asked me not to mention his name but the folks that purchased it are experts in marketing, in branding, and in retail. We are super excited to have them as the Fort Lee family. And when I talk to you this time next year, Hudson Lights will have gone through a metamorphosis and is going to go from a struggling retail district to one that is going to be, I just think one day, one of the best in Bergen County. So, stay tune.

And, of course, the best accomplishment in 2019 is that we maintained the highest level of pride possibly in our town.

2020, we are not going to sit on our hands. We are going to keep moving. 2020 is going to see, and we have already delivered it, stabilized municipal taxes. No tax increase, notwithstanding everything that is going on.

In 2020 we are going to have a very accurate census. In April there will be a census. I do believe in 2010 the census cheated Fort Lee. We are going to make a great effort in government to make sure that everybody in Fort Lee is counted. We have already started some of the initiatives. Look for the videos. Look for the instruction manuals. You will be seeing folks out there trying to teach. Crissa, we are going to need your help big time at the Senior Center. And I know that we will make sure that every head is counted.

2020 will see the completion of our new Barrymore Theater. Do not forget, Fort Lee, we are getting a theater. And you know what? It's our way of saying to the public, thanks for putting up with this frigging construction for the last 12 years, right? We are now almost done with it. We are happy about it. This theater is going to be the best local theater in Northern New Jersey. We are going to kick it off with, we are going to kick it off with movie festivals; with speaking engagements. It should be completed in late-spring/early-summer. We anticipate starting to fill it, I believe, in October. So, stay tuned and you will be getting a lot more notices on that.

2020 will see the ribbon-cutting of a new post office. First one in Fort Lee in I do not know how many years. That is where our, it is connected to the parking deck and they are about 80 percent done with the construction. Once that post office is completed, the old post office will become a public park right on Main Street that will also be available to members of the public and just simply a passive park. So think of it, you will be going down Main Street, you want to meet a friend for a cup of coffee, you want to go a state-of-the-art post office, you want to go to one of our many stores and restaurants, Main Street in Fort Lee is going to be the place to do it.

2020 is also going to see the start of rehabilitating an area of the Borough of Fort Lee that I think we forgot about; the Junction. Remember the Junction, guys? Those of you that are here in Fort Lee for a lot of years. We have been going down there lately and it is not in the condition that the rest of our town is, and it has been neglected a bit. But we are going to make up for that in 2020 and we are in the process of design of streetscape, of lights. And we're super excited about it because I think that area and that neighborhood deserves it.

In 2020 we are already in talks with the PIP to start to utilize the parks that are available to us. We have hired a consultant so that we can expand our parks and the use of the PIP parks. There is a lot of folks in Fort Lee and we need the parkland and we plan on accomplishing that.

We plan on starting the final phase of Redevelopment 5; that four or five acres of vacant land right by the bridge. We are hopeful that that project is going to start in 2020 and we are very confident that we will.

2020 is going to be the first full year of our new Chief and his administration that we are super excited about. Matt Hintze and members of the Police Department are present so, Matt, good luck. And any way we could be of help to you in 2020 you know we will be by your side as you guys have always been by ours.

2020 will see a new OEM Director, Bryan Drumgoole. Bryan's already started his tenure. We are very proud of Bryan and look forward to accomplishments from him.

And our new Fire Chief, Don, Don Sauvageot. Don, good luck, stay safe, and we look forward to a great, safe 2020.

We are going to re, rededicate our Recreation Center, which is now in the midst of a total rehabilitation. Mike, what do you think, another couple of months? Another three weeks. See, I told you, he always gives you the right answer, this guy. So, figure in about three weeks to a month we are going to have another ribbon-cutting for that. Remember that old, tired Rec Center? Wait until you see what we have done to it. It, it is great. Everybody and everybody is going to want to go down there and use it.

Guess what? We're also going to give the Youth Center an overhaul during the course of 2020. Another building that's tired. Another building that is underutilized. And another building that should be part of the inventory of Fort Lee for purposes of the functions and the activities and the youth sports.

We are going to continue our commitment to making sure that everybody in Fort Lee knows what we are doing. There is nothing more frustrating in the world than sitting up here the day after an incredible tree lighting or the day after First Night or the day after this great function that Fort Lee did and somebody comes to the podium and says, wow, I wish I knew. Well, you know what, you, you have to know because it is Fort Lee

and you need to be there, and it is a lot of fun. So, we have made a collective decision to make sure that we use every communication channel available to let folks know what we are doing in Fort Lee. We have newsletters. We have Fort Lee On Demand. We have Nixle. We have a 1-844-FORTLEE number. We have 1630, which is our emergency radio station. We're one of the few towns in the country that has its own AM radio band. Multiple websites. We have a Fort Lee app. And we have a new website, thanks to our Social Media Director. So, Fort Lee, you have to look a little, but you do not have to look that hard. There is a ton of stuff going on. And when I say a ton of stuff, we had a holiday tree lighting this year that saw about 4,000 people come to it. It started 12 years ago with 50 people, a Charlie Brown holiday tree, and a jug of hot chocolate from Cafasso's Fairway Market. This has now morphed into a 4,000-person holiday tree lighting. And there is a reason for it. Because there's a newfound pride in this town and it is one of the best nights of the year and we are super excited about it. From the holiday tree lighting to the PBA's First Night; BDA events on Main Street; the Gran Fondo; multiple 3K/5K races; library events, which would keep me here all night if I started to list them; Halloween events, the Halloween Dog Spectacular, the BDA's Halloween party; Memorial Day Parade; the Arts and Musical Festival.

And you know what? Shout out to George Porto who is here. That, this poor guy started a Memorial Day Parade, George, how many years ago? Six or seven. You could be a little more enthusiastic, George. I am getting you involved, I am getting you involved in the speech and I get, so, let me ask again, how many years you been doing the, the parade, George? Probably six. All right. Still a little weak but, I love, George, I love you. And I love, I love all of your guys. And I am going to tell you the work that this guy, and I know you do not do it alone. You do it with George Makroulakis, you do it with a lot of guys, but you are the lead guy. And it is one heck of an undertaking to organize a parade. And this poor guy has been doing it now six or seven years and it is a lot of fun. And, you know what? It is something Fort Lee always had. And, George, was not a planned shout out but thanks so much.

But that us one of the events that we do. Art and Musical Festival. We have the Revolutionary War Reenactment. We have a concert series second to none, Dancing Under the Stars, senior events, dances, day trips, holiday parties, all sorts of things. I am proud to be the Mayor of a town that probably has more activities and things to do on a day-to-day basis than any other town in the State of New Jersey.

I also remind everybody in Fort Lee during the course of this speech that when you live here, you have the benefit of having, at your disposal, the absolute best cluster of first responders that the world has to offer. This is a Police Department, a Fire Department, an Ambulance Corps and an OEM, which I can tell you I would put up against any other town, village, hamlet or city in the world. These are dedicated men and women whose, whose sole purpose is to make sure that we are safe, we are protected, and when we need them, they will be at our side. So, I cannot, cannot possibly thank them enough. And that challenge is quadrupled when you are the host community to the busiest bridge in the world. So, to our Police Department, Chief Hintze and Deputy Chief Gallagher, Deputy Chief Zusi, who I believe is here, thank you guys for coming. Good luck to you in 2020. We will be at your side and we look forward to working with you.

Chief Sauvageot, from the Fire Department, is here. Don, thank you. And to all the guys, many of our Fire Department folks are here, thank you very, very much. I cannot tell you how proud of you. 2019 saw a very tragic fire at Linwood Park. Now, nobody died thank God. Amazingly nobody died. But 45 or so families were displaced. But you know if that happens in other towns, it is completely catastrophic with no, no prospect of recovery, but not in Fort Lee. In a matter of days, almost a quarter of a million dollars was raised. So, think of it. So that our charitable fund here in Fort Lee was in a position to provide those displaced families with clothing, with food, with gift certificates to local merchants and supermarkets and stores. They were provided with a substantial monetary amount so that they could pay for a security deposit for their replacement residence. That building is now being reconstructed. Thank God those people who survived that fire, they are all now in their, in their temporary premises, if you will; they will all be coming back to Fort Lee. But thanks to the, to the generosity and the charitableness of many of the people in this town and a lot of the businesses, they

were able to survive that. And our Fire Department behaved and conducted themselves heroically during the course of that fire as they do on all calls.

Our Ambulance Corps, Chief Steve Curry is present. Chief, thank you very, very much. You know we have a large senior citizen population in this town. And that has a tendency of increasing those ambulance calls. Not to suggest that nobody else calls but we have a lot of ambulance calls. And I have ridden with them on many occasions. I cannot begin to tell you how inspiring it is to ride in one of these rigs with the men and women that comprise our Ambulance Corps. So, Steve, please let everybody know we are incredibly proud of them. And I am sorry I missed your installation dinner the other night; I was stuck in Austria. But I apologize. How is that for an excuse? I have come up with a lot of doozies but stuck in Austria is not one I am probably going to be able to use again.

And finally, we have OEM. We have our new Director, Bryan Drumgoole. Bryan is present. Bryan, thank you very much. I mean OEM. I have always viewed OEM as that organization that is kind of the adhesion between all the emergency responders, to make sure that there is no duplicity of effort; to make sure that everybody is going in the right direction; to make sure that all the resources and the backup are available for the other first responders. So, Bryan, to you and to your volunteers, please extend, from the Mayor and Council, our deepest, deepest appreciation.

Our Borough departments. I talked to you about Mike Maresca. Steve Wielkocz from our Health Department is going to be retiring this year. Sorry, Sue, he is retiring. How many years was Steve with us? Forty-three. Wow! That is, I did not realize it was that long. But God bless him. Steve's been an incredible Health Officer for the Borough of Fort Lee. Look, most towns don't have their own Health Department; they go through the County as many municipalities do. We in Fort Lee always thought it was important to have our own department so we could give out free flu shots, so we could do our mold inspections, so we can make sure that all the stores and restaurants in town, you know, get a good rating and that there are no issues. So, we are going to continue to fund that. And 2020 is going to see a new health officer. But we are grateful for Steve for his 43 some odd years of service. So, congratulations to him.

Cheryl Westeyn of our Recreation Department is present. Another department that could keep you here for a day and a half if we had to list all the things that we do. And it is just, it is incredible that our Recreation Department is as successful as it is. And, Cheryl, we are incredibly, incredibly grateful to you.

Tax Collector and her office, Angela Napolitano, a huge thank you for your efforts during the course of the year. Not an easy place to be. Right? It is always work; there is always deadlines. Our Tax Assessor.

John DeSheplo, our Municipal Court Judge. Judge, how many years? Forty-one. And I have a feeling you are going to beat Wielkocz, right? Another couple of years? At least, God willing, we hope so. We have the best municipal court system probably in the State of New Jersey because not only do we deal with what we need to deal with in the Borough, but we are also responsible for the Port Authority and, what goes on at the George Washington Bridge. Which makes for an incredibly busy, busy, busy municipal court. Judge, thank you for your effort.

Brian Ribarro of our Building Department. Again, Brian, thank you for yours, from permitting and inspections and to make sure that the buildings are constructed the way they are approved, the way they are supposed to be, and to keep us safe. We are appreciative of your efforts. Thank you.

Tommy Meyers of our Film Commission. Tom is going to have a very busy 2020 because we got a, we got a theater coming online. Tommy, correct? And Nelson Page in the back. Nelson, thank you also for your efforts and we are super, super excited about it.

I mentioned before, Gloria Gallo, and a shout out to Pat Rumi from our, excuse me, from our Parking Authority.

Steve Curry, again, from Fire Prevention, which is a very busy office. And Steve and his guys and gals make sure that our town is safe. And we are eternally grateful for that.

Radio Communications, excuse me, IT Department, Sam Ghali. Sam, thanks. I am going through department heads here. This poor guy, we got him working on the holiday tree lighting starting somewhere in April. He might not be here because he is probably on the roof of the Community Center working on the one for December 2020. But, Sam, thank you. It is funny when I was in Vienna, you walk down these quaint streets and they had these incredible, beautiful chandeliers that are hanging from these telephone poles. And I was sending the pictures to Sam. And he was sending me back a text saying, Mayor, you are not suggesting that we put these on the streets of Fort Lee. And I was silent, but I am kind of suggesting we put them on the streets of Fort Lee. So, let us hope that Sam can duplicate what they have in Vienna, Austria.

Matt Rutch. Thank you for attending, Matt. Matt is in charge of our Finance Department. Keeps our books straight. And we are grateful to him for his efforts. And congratulations on your beautiful new baby.

Our Zoning Department, now run by Christen Trentacosti, which is a place that at times is very thankless; it is very busy. Cannot tell you how proud, Mike, we are of Christen. She is a great worker. She is a smart girl. But I always knew that because I was blessed to have her in my law office for a while and she is just a talented girl and serves Fort Lee incredibly well.

Fort Lee, also, our Mayor and Council, has a great partnership with the Board of Education. They reorganized last evening. Congratulations to Esther Silver, who is the President; and to Candee Romba, who is the Vice President; and our Superintendent, Ken Rota. We extend to them any way we could ever be of help in the future. You may always call upon government and whatever it is that we could do we will do.

I have said this many times, and I am going to say it again. We are so fortunate to have the Library that we have in this town. And I just think we, just not enough people know yet. And, Chris, we are trying to get the word out. I promise. But this is a Library that has activity, after activity, after activity, after activity. I defy anybody to tell me that there is a better one around. And, Chris, we are so proud of you and your staff for the efforts that you make. I want you to know I thought it was a great idea, I saw in your mailing today, that you could go on Amazon and buy a book and donate it to the Library. So, I bought the last 12 by the way. I do not know if you got the notice. But I bought whatever was there. So, I thought that was pretty cool. And these guys are going to need support in their fundraising efforts during the course of 2020. And, boy, do they deserve it. So again, Chris, thank you very much to your efforts and to your team.

We are nothing without our volunteers. Thanks to our Planning and Zoning Boards, our Business Improvement District, Library Board, Board of Health, Sign Committee, Environmental Committee, Historical Commission, Film Commission. Youth sports.

Just a word on youth sports. We have guys and gals in this town that spend upwards of 25 hours a week volunteering: scheduling, uniforms, games, so forth and so on. And a huge shout out to them. I made the mistake of starting to pick names. I probably should not have. But know this, we love you. Government appreciates everything that our volunteers and our workers do. One of the reasons why we are as successful as we are is because we have incredible people that work here. And it is just important to know that, and it is important that government express its appreciation.

I also wanted to, before I forget, just let you know that the Borough is going to have a very busy 2020. We are super excited about it. We are looking forward to it. We are looking forward to going step by step and accomplishing all that we have listed tonight. But with the team that we have assembled, with the people that are here, with the passion that all of you have, we are going to continue to move forward and make Fort Lee one of the greatest, one of the safest, and one of the best places to live in the

State of New Jersey. And I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am to serve as your Mayor.

And before I conclude, I just wanted to share with you one thing. You know the way it works here is there is local government, there is County government and there is State government. And in Fort Lee we are blessed to have, as I mentioned before when Valerie was here, probably one of the best legislative if not the best legislative delegation in the State of New Jersey. And that delegation is run by our, our incredible State Senator Loretta Weinberg. And, Senator Weinberg is present. And if you could all please give her a warm round of applause. And, Senator, I know they are tired of hearing from me, so if you would say a few words please, it would be great. And thank you so much for attending.”

**State Senator Loretta Weinberg** - She wished everyone a happy New Year. She congratulated Councilwoman Kasofsky and Councilman Suh on being re-sworn in. She stated that it is great to see this terrific team lead such a growing Borough, and to celebrate the film industry in the manner that they are doing.

**Mayor Sokolich** - He thanked Senator Weinberg for attending tonight and commended her and our entire legislative team in Trenton.

### **PRESENTATION**

Donna Abene came forward, as a founding member of Women Empowered Democratic Organization of Bergen County (WE DO). She stated that their mission is to identify and encourage women to enter politics. She presented Councilwoman Ila Kasofsky with a Certificate of Achievement on her re-election and her years of service to the community.

**Mayor Sokolich** - He mentioned how Councilwoman Kasofsky volunteered to assist Fort Lee in becoming more environmentally sensitive and how she began the two community gardens, has two shredding events each year and has achieved Bronze Status with Sustainable New Jersey for the past three years. He congratulated her as well.

**State Assemblyman Gordon Johnson** - He wished everyone a happy New Year. He congratulated the Mayor and Council and to our First Responders. He stated that our volunteer fire department is one of the best in the state. He commended our police department, EMS, and health and code inspectors, who make the Borough a great place to live.

### **REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS**

#### **R-1 Seating Arrangement and Order of Voting**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Council man Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING SEATING ARRANGEMENT S AND VOTING ORDER FOR 20 20**

**BE IT RESOLVED** , by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the **seating arrangement** and **order of voting** of the Borough Council for the year **2020** shall be as follows:

Council Members: Harvey Sohmer  
Paul Yoon  
Peter Suh  
Michael Sargenti  
Ila Kasofsky  
Joseph Cervieri, Jr.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-2 Selection of Council President**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Council woman Kasofsky seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING  
MR. MICHAEL SARGENTI AS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 20 20**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that Council Member **Michael Sargenti** be and is hereby appointed to the position of **Council President** for the year **2020**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-3 Committee Assignments**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Council man Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER  
COMMITTEE LIAISONS FOR 20 20**

**BE IT RESOLVED** , by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following be and the same are hereby designated as **liaisons** of the following committees of the Borough of Fort Lee for the year **2020**:

- Ambulance.....Michael Sargenti
- Advisory Committee for Individuals w/Disabilities ...Harvey Sohmer
- Board of Education.....Peter Suh
- Buildings and Construction.....Joseph Cervieri
- Buildings and Grounds.....Joseph Cervieri
- Communications.....Harvey Sohmer
- Emergency Management.....Michael Sargenti
- Environmental & Beautification Committee.....Ila Kasofsky
- Film Commission.....Paul Yoon
- Finance.....Peter Suh & Paul Yoon
- Fire.....Michael Sargenti & Harvey Sohmer
- Health.....Ila Kasofsky
- Historic Preservation Commission.....Harvey Sohmer
- Housing Authority.....Joseph Cervieri
- Library.....Ila Kasofsky
- Local Assistance.....Ila Kasofsky
- Municipal Court.....Peter Suh & Paul Yoon
- Parking Authority.....Harvey Sohmer & Paul Yoon
- Parks/Recreation.....Harvey Sohmer & Peter Suh
- Planning Board.....Michael Sargenti
- Police.....Harvey Sohmer & Michael Sargenti
- Public Works.....Harvey Sohmer

(Sewers-Sanitation-Roads-Engineering-General Services)  
Rent Leveling.....Peter Suh  
Senior Citizens.....Joseph Cervieri  
Street Lights.....Ila Kasofsky

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**BUDGET AND DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS**

**R-4 Introduction of Temporary Budget**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Council man Suh seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2019 Municipal Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance in said 2019 Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said temporary appropriations total **\$18,923,438.00**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough records:

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**Temporary Budget Appropriations**

<b>General Government</b>	<b><u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u></b>	<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>
Mayor & Council	\$ 24,700.00	\$ 19,700.00
Borough Clerk	\$ 74,550.00	\$ 8,000.00
Administration	\$ 111,920.00	\$ 157,500.00
Purchasing	\$ 36,750.00	\$ 23,300.00
Personnel & Data Processing	\$ -	\$ -
Collection of Taxes	\$ 132,825.00	\$ 40,500.00
Legal Services & Costs	\$ -	\$ 144,373.00
Engineering Services & Costs	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 21,000.00
I.T.	\$ 44,600.00	\$ 14,400.00
Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00
Board of Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00
Senior Citizens Special Services	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
Rent Leveling Board	\$ -	\$ 8,300.00
Insurance: Other	\$ -	\$ 538,125.00
Insurance: Group	\$ -	\$ 3,244,000.00
Elections	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Financial Administration	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 8,200.00
Municipal Court	\$ 226,800.00	\$ 38,500.00
Economic Development	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 10,500.00
 <b>Public Safety</b>		
Fire Prevention	\$ 273,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 92,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	\$ -	\$ 15,750.00
Department of Communications	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 5,300.00
Police	\$ 4,572,195.00	\$ 195,000.00
Ambulance Corps	\$ 107,625.00	\$ 30,100.00
E M T	\$ 105,100.00	\$ 18,500.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 204,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Emergency Management	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Communications--Repairs	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,500.00

**RESOLUTION**

**Temporary Budget Appropriations**

**Public Works**

Streets & Roads	\$	550,000.00	\$	60,000.00
Street Lighting	\$	-	\$	52,500.00
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$	-	\$	600,000.00
Sewers	\$	85,000.00	\$	70,500.00
Bergen County Sewer Utility O/C	\$	-	\$	1,791,800.00
Auto Repair	\$	-	\$	84,500.00
Prior Year Bills	\$	-	\$	-

**Health, Welfare & Recreation**

Board of Health	\$	163,000.00	\$	35,000.00
Recreation	\$	129,300.00	\$	13,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds	\$	134,000.00	\$	67,500.00
General Services	\$	294,000.00	\$	14,500.00
Parks	\$	74,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$	-	\$	680,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$	-	\$	23,000.00
Cultural & Heritage	\$	28,700.00	\$	28,500.00
Senior Citizens	\$	75,500.00	\$	41,000.00
Elevator Inspections	\$	13,500.00	\$	-
Fort Lee Community Center	\$	37,000.00	\$	40,000.00
Fort Lee Community Center Stage	\$	23,625.00	\$	6,300.00
Barrymore Film Center & Museum	\$	-	\$	12,000.00

**Utilities**

Gasoline	\$	-	\$	84,000.00
Fuel Oil	\$	-	\$	6,600.00
Electricity	\$	-	\$	250,000.00
Water	\$	-	\$	25,000.00
Telephone	\$	-	\$	84,000.00
Fire Hydrant	\$	-	\$	55,000.00

**Contributions to:**

Public Employees Retirement System	\$	-	\$	421,000.00
F I C A	\$	-	\$	434,000.00
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	\$	-	\$	880,000.00
Unemployment	\$	-	\$	25,000.00
DCRP	\$	-	\$	18,000.00

**TOTALS:** \$ 8,180,290.00 \$ 10,743,148.00

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$ 18,923,438.00

**RESOLUTION**

**Temporary Budget Appropriations**

**DEBT SERVICE**

Payment of Bond Principal	\$	5,000,000.00
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Payment of Bond Interest	\$	1,800,000.00
Payment of Interest on Notes	\$	500,000.00
Green Trust Principal & Interest	\$	25,000.00
Bergen County Improvement Authority		
Payment	\$	72,000.00
New Jersey Economic Development Authority	\$	10,000.00

**Total Debt Service:** \$ 7,407,000.00

**Capital Improvements**

Capital Improvement Fund	\$	50,000.00
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**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-5 Designation of Depositories**

Council man Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires the governing body to designate a **depository** or **depositories** for its monies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fort Lee recommended that the following **banks** be named as depositories:

- Bank of America, Fort Lee, NJ**
- TD Bank, Fort Lee, NJ**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Bank**
- State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund**
- PNC Bank, Fort Lee, NJ**
- ConnectOne Bank, Englewood Cliffs, NJ**
- Noah Bank, Fort Lee, NJ**
- Wilshire State Bank, Fort Lee, NJ**
- Wells Fargo, Fort Lee, NJ**
- Mariners Bank, Edgewater, NJ**
- Santander Bank, Fort Lee, NJ**
- Kearny Bank, Woodridge, NJ**
- First Bergen Federal Credit Union, Hackensack, NJ**
- Freedom Bank, Maywood, NJ**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that the above named banks are hereby designated as depositories for the Current, Capital and Welfare sections of the accounts of the Borough of Fort Lee for **2020**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1.) The custodian of said funds or accounts shall be the Borough Treasurer or other such officials as the governing body may designate.
- 2.) All disbursements from said accounts shall be made by checks signed by the Mayor and the Treasurer of the Borough of Fort Lee or other such officials as the governing body may designate.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-6 Designation of Depositories - Bank of New Jersey , Fort Lee, NJ**

\*Mayor Sokolich recused and stepped away from the dais. Council President Sargenti presided over this portion of the meeting.

**Council man Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BANK OF NEW JERSEY AS A DEPOSITORY FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-14 requires the governing body to designate a **depository** for its monies; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fort Lee recommended that the following **bank** be named as a depository:

**Bank of New Jersey, Fort Lee, NJ.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the above named bank is hereby designated as a depository for the Borough of Fort Lee for **2020**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The custodian of such funds or accounts shall be the Borough Treasurer or such other officials as the governing body may designate.
2. All disbursements from said accounts shall be made by checks signed by the Mayor and Treasurer of the Borough of Fort Lee or such other officials as the governing body may designate.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-7 Designation of Depositories - Official Tax Receiving Agency**

**Council man Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF PNC BANK AS THE "OFFICIAL TAX RECEIVING AGENCY " FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-122.3 became effective February 8, 1980, allowing municipalities to designate a bank or trust company to receive current tax payments, current water and sewer rents, as well as other public monies under the supervision of the tax collector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fort Lee has recommended that **PNC Bank, Fort Lee, New Jersey** be designated as the "Official Tax Receiving Agency" of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services must give his approval for the authorization of awarding of this contract,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that **PNC Bank, Fort Lee, New Jersey** be named the Official Tax Receiving Agency of the Borough of Fort Lee for **2020**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**STATUTORY AND/OR ANNUAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS**

**R-8 Appointment of Borough Attorney**

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING J.S. LEE COHEN OF THE FIRM DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of an attorney for the year **2020** to serve as **Borough Attorney** ; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. exempts professional services from certain requirements of public bidding provided a notice of the appointment be printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play” law, took effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open” process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, **J.S. Lee Cohen** and the firm of **DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP** possess the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional legal services required by the Borough; and

WHEREAS; the Borough’s Review Team has determined that **J.S Lee Cohen** and the firm of **DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP** legal services will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sokolich has nominated **J.S. Lee Cohen** and the firm of **DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick , Cole & Giblin, LLP** to serve as Borough Attorney, for the year **2020**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a Business Registration Certificate and Affirmative Action compliance statement from the firm prior to entering into a contract; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the award by the Borough of a contract to **J.S Lee Cohen** and the firm of **DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP** for the provision of professional legal services is in the best interests of the Borough and the implementation of this contract is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee, that said attorney be and is hereby appointed as **Borough Attorney** for the year **2020** pursuant to a “fair and open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Borough Attorney for the year **2020** shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in NJSA 40A:5-18, as per their proposal, and pursuant to an agreement to be entered into between the parties and that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-9 Borough Auditor**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES TO STEVEN WIELKOTZ OF THE FIRM OF  
FERRAIOLI, WIELKOTZ, CERULLO & CUVA, PA**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed accountant to serve as the Borough’s municipal auditor during 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional auditing services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has determined that the performance of professional auditing services by Steven Wielkocz of the firm of Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA (“FWCC”) to serve as the Borough’s municipal auditor during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** the professional auditing services to be performed by FWCC are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS,** FWCC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional auditing services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional auditing services to FWCC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to FWCC for the provision of professional auditing services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Steven Wielkotz of the firm of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional auditing services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That FWCC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with FWCC, and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-10 Borough Engineer**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded**, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to serve as the Borough Engineer and provide professional engineering consulting services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Board may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of engineering services by Stephen Boswell and the firm of Boswell Engineering (“Boswell”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional engineering services to be performed by the consulting engineer are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Boswell possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional consulting engineering services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional consulting engineering services to Boswell in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Board of a contract to Boswell for the provision of professional consulting engineering services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Boswell Engineering shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional consulting engineering services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Boswell is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Boswell and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-11 Borough Engineer (As Needed Basis)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO NEGLIA ENGINEERING  
ASSOCIATES (CASE-BY-CASE BASIS)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to serve as the Borough Engineer and provide professional engineering consulting services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Board may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2020, and received Qualification Statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the qualification of the firm of Neglia Engineering Associates (“Neglia”) to perform engineering services on a case-by-case basis will be advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional engineering services to be performed on a case-by-case basis by Neglia are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Neglia possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional consulting engineering services on a case-by-case basis required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of qualifying Neglia to provide professional consulting engineering services on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Board of a contract to Neglia for the provision of professional consulting engineering services on a case-by-case basis is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Neglia Engineering Associates shall be and is hereby qualified to perform professional consulting engineering services on behalf of the Borough on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with its Qualifications Statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Neglia is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-12 Borough Traffic Engineer (2)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded**, the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REMINGTON AND VERNICK  
ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed engineers to provide professional traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2020; and

WHEREAS, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the performance of engineering services by Remington and Vernick Engineers (“Remington”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional engineering services to be performed by the consulting engineer are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

WHEREAS, Remington possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional traffic engineering services required by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional traffic engineering services to Remington in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose certification attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the award by the Borough of a contract to Remington for the provision of professional traffic engineering services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Remington and Vernick Engineers shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional traffic engineering services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Remington is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Remington and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING**

**THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed engineers to provide professional traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2020; and

WHEREAS, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the performance of engineering services by Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (“Jacobs”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional engineering services to be performed by the consulting engineer are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

WHEREAS, Remington possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional traffic engineering services required by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional traffic engineering services to Remington in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose certification attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the award by the Borough of a contract to Jacobs for the provision of professional traffic engineering services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC. shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional traffic engineering services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Jacobs is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Jacobs and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

### **R-13 Borough Planner**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded,** the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES TO PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LEHENY HUGHES LLC**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of a licensed planner to provide professional planning services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting proposals for the Performance of professional planning services to the Borough during 2020, and received proposals on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC ("Phillips") to perform such professional planning services in accordance with its Qualification Statement submitted in response to the Borough public solicitation of proposals on October 25, 2019 and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Phillips possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional planning services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough solicited qualification statements for professional planning services in response to the Borough's Request for Qualifications and has

determined that the performance by Phillips of professional planning services will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional planning services to Phillips in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play” Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for professional planning services to be performed by Phillips is awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Phillips for the provision of professional planning services is in the best interests of the Borough and the implementation of this contract is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC, 33-41 Newark Street, Third Floor, Suite D, Hoboken, New Jersey, shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional planning services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its Qualification Statement submitted in response to the Borough’s public solicitation issued on October 4, 2019, which proposal is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Phillips is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

4. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Phillips and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

5. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-14 Borough Prosecutor**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded**, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING RAFFI KHOROZIAN AS THE CHIEF BOROUGH PROSECUTOR AND MICHAEL CANDELMO AS THE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the services of a Borough Prosecutor for the year **2020** to provide legal services which are necessary for the operation of the Municipal Court of said Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation will be available by way of budget appropriations to compensate said attorneys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that **Raffi Khorozian** be and is hereby appointed as Chief Borough Prosecutor for the year 2020 and **Michael Candelmo** be and is hereby appointed as the Borough Prosecutor for the year 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract is awarded without public bidding as professional services under the Local Contracts Law by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. which specifically exempts such contracts from the requirements of public bidding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of this resolution to be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

#### **R-15 Borough Public Defender**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded**, the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING KEVIN CORRISTON AS THE BOROUGH 'S PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of a Public Defender for the year **2020** to provide general legal representation for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget to compensate said Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. exempts professional services from any requirement of public advertisement for bids provided a notice of appointment is printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that:

1. **Kevin Corrison** be and is hereby appointed as **Public Defender** for the year **2020** without public advertisement for bids,
2. The Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of passage of this resolution to be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

#### **R-16 Bond Council (6)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded**, the following Resolutions:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WATERS, MCPHERSON, MCNEILL, P.C.**

## FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. (“Waters”) to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Waters are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Waters possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Waters in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Waters to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Waters is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Waters and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE  
AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A. FOR THE  
PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. ("Wilentz") to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Wilentz are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a "fair and open process" in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilentz possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Wilentz in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Wilentz to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Wilentz is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Wilentz and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PARKER MCCAY P.A. FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Parker McCay P.A. to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Parker McCay P.A. are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Parker McCay P.A. possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Parker McCay P.A. in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Parker McCay P.A. to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Parker McCay P.A. shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Parker McCay P.A. is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Parker McCay P.A. and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1),

to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC (“McManimon”) to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by McManimon are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, McManimon possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to McManimon in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this

resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to McManimon to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That McManimon is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with McManimon and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE  
AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK , COLE & GIBLIN, LLP  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP (“DeCotiis”) to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by DeCotiis are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCotiis possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to DeCotiis in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to DeCotiis to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That DeCotiis is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with DeCotiis and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WINNE BANTA, BASRALIAN & KAHN, P.C. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Archer possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Archer in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Winne Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C. and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

### **R-17 Tax Council**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI,  
JACOBS, LLC FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (TAX COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's tax counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough's during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC ("Cleary") to serve as tax counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Cleary are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleary possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Cleary in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Cleary to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as tax counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Cleary is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Cleary and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-18 Labor Counsel**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded**, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO J. SHELDON COHEN AND THE FIRM DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK , COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (LABOR COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP (“DeCotiis”) to serve as labor counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as labor counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That DeCotiis is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with J. Sheldon Cohen and the firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-19 Conflict Counsel (6)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky seconded,** the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WERNER SUAREZ FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Werner Suarez ("WS") to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough

during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by “WS” are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “WS” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “WS” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to WS to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Werner Suarez shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “WS” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with WS and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN &  
ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough’s during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC (“Bernstein”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by “Bernstein” are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “Bernstein” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Bernstein” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Bernstein” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “Bernstein” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with "Bernstein" and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI  
JACOBS LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES  
(CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC ("Cleary") to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by "Cleary" are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a "fair and open process" in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, "Cleary" possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Cleary” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Cleary” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “Cleary” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with “Cleary” and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF FLORIO, KENNY, RAVAL , LLP  
FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough’s during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal

services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Florio, Kenny, Raval, LLP (“Florio”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Florio are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “Florio” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Florio” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution: and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Florio to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Florio, Kenny, Raval, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “Florio” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with “Florio” and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC FOR  
THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough’s during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Ruderman & Roth, LLC (“Ruderman”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Florio are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “Ruderman” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Ruderman” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution: and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Ruderman” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Ruderman & Roth, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Ruderman” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with “Ruderman” and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND &  
BAUMANN, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES  
(CONFLICT COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s conflict counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough’s during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC (“McManimon”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Florio are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “McManimon” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “McManimon” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution: and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “McManimon” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of McManimon & Roth, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “McManimon” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with “McManimon” and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-20 Redevelopment Attorney (2)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman S argenti seconded, the following Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI JACOBS, LLC  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES  
(REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on November 12, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on December 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC to serve as redevelopment attorney for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC to serve as redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as redevelopment attorney to perform professional legal services on behalf of

the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK,  
COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough's during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on November 12, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on December 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as redevelopment attorney for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a "fair and open process" in

accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as redevelopment attorney and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as redevelopment attorney to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-21 Affordable Housing Attorney (2)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman S argenti seconded, the following Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI JACOBS LLC  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on November 12, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on December 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC to serve as affordable housing attorney for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as affordable housing attorney to perform professional legal services on behalf

of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK,  
COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR THE PROVISION  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (AFFORDABLE HOUSING ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough's during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on November 12, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on December 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as affordable housing attorney for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a "fair and open process" in

accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as affordable housing attorney to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-22 Rent Leveling Board Attorney**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF  
A CONTRACT TO CAROLYN KRISTAL, ESQ.  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES  
(RENT LEVELING BOARD ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as attorney for, and provide professional legal services to, the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Carolyn Kristal, Esq. to serve as attorney to the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Carolyn Kristal, Esq. are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn Kristal, Esq. possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as attorney for, and provide professional legal services required by, the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Carolyn Kristal, Esq. in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Carolyn Kristal, Esq. to serve as attorney for, and provide professional legal services to, the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Carolyn Kristal, Esq. shall be and is hereby appointed as attorney for, and to provide professional legal services to, the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough

during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Carolyn Kristal, Esq. is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Carolyn Kristal, Esq. and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-23 Municipal Court / Police Department Accountant**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MICHAEL J. CONDOSTA, CPA FOR THE  
PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
(MUNICIPAL COURT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed accountant to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional accounting services by Michael J. Condosta, CPA ("Condosta") to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional accounting services to be performed by Condosta are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Condosta possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional accounting services required to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional accounting services to Condosta in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Condosta for the provision of professional accounting services to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Michael J. Condosta, CPA shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional accounting services on behalf of the Borough regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Condosta is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Condosta, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-24 Building Department / Fire Prevention Bureau Accountant**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING**

**THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WILLIAM KATCHEN, CPA, LLC FOR THE  
PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
(BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed accountant to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional accounting services by William Katchen, CPA, LLC (“Katchen”) to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional accounting services to be performed by Katchen are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Katchen possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional accounting services required by the Borough regarding the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional accounting services to Katchen in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Katchen for the provision of professional accounting services regarding the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That William Katchen, CPA shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional accounting services on behalf of the Borough regarding the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Katchen is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Katchen, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-25 Insurance Risk Manager**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE VOZZA AGENCY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed insurance agent to provide risk management insurance services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are deemed to be "extraordinary unspecifiable services" because the services are considered specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of risk management insurance services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of risk management insurance services by the Vozza Agency (“Vozza”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk management insurance services to be performed by the insurance agent are deemed to be “extraordinary unspecifiable services” and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Vozza possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide risk management insurance services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for risk management insurance services to Vozza in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “extraordinary unspecifiable services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Vozza for the provision of risk management insurance services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Vozza Agency shall be and is hereby appointed to perform risk management insurance services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Vozza is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Vozza and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-26 Insurance Health Benefits Consultant**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded**, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RELIANCE INSURANCE GROUP FOR THE  
PERFORMANCE OF HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed insurance agent to provide health benefits insurance consulting services to the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are deemed to be “extraordinary unspecifiable services” because the services are considered specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of health benefits insurance consulting services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of health benefits insurance consulting services by the Reliance Insurance Group (“Reliance”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the health benefits insurance services to be performed by the insurance agent are deemed to be “extraordinary unspecifiable services” and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, “Reliance” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide health benefits insurance consulting services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for health benefits insurance consulting services to “Reliance” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “extraordinary unspecifiable services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Reliance” for the provision of health benefits insurance consulting services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Reliance Insurance Group shall be and is hereby appointed to perform health benefits insurance consulting services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That "Reliance" is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with "Reliance" and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-27 Radio Frequency Communications Engineer**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
RADIO FREQUENCY COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES TO  
APPLIED ADAPTIVE SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed engineers to provide professional radio frequency communications engineering services to the Borough during 2020; and

WHEREAS, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the performance of engineering services by Applied Adaptive Solutions will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional engineering services to be performed by the consulting engineer are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law,

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

WHEREAS, Applied Adaptive Solutions possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional radio frequency engineering services required by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional radio frequency communications engineering services to Applied Adaptive Solutions in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the award by the Borough of a contract to Applied Adaptive Solutions for the provision of professional radio frequency communications engineering services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Applied Adaptive Solutions shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional radio frequency communications engineering services on behalf of the Borough, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Applied Adaptive Solutions is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Applied Adaptive Solutions and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-28 Financial Advisor**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO NW FINANCIAL GROUP,  
LLC**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed financial advisor to provide financial advisory services to the Borough as needed during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional financial advisory services by NW Financial Group, LLC during 2017 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional financial advisory services to be performed by NW Financial Group, LLC are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, NW Financial Group, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional financial advisory services as required by the Borough in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional accounting services to NW Financial Group, LLC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to NW Financial Group, LLC for the provision of professional financial advisory services as needed during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That NW Financial Group, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional financial advisory services on behalf of the Borough as needed during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That NW Financial Group, LLC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with NW Financial Group, LLC, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

### **R-29 Real Estate Tax Appeal Appraiser (2)**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolutions:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to retain the services of licensed appraiser to serve as the Borough's tax appeal appraiser during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as "professional services" as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional appraisal services by McNerney & Associates, Inc. to serve as tax appeal appraiser for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by McNerney & Associates, Inc are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a "fair and open process" in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, McNerney & Associates, Inc. possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as tax appeal appraiser and provide professional appraisal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to McNerney & Associates, Inc. in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to McNerney & Associates, Inc. to serve as tax appeal appraiser and provide professional appraisal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That McNerney & Associates, Inc. shall be and is hereby appointed as tax appeal appraiser to perform professional appraisal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That McNerney & Associates, Inc. is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc. and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FEDERAL APPRAISAL, LLC FOR THE  
PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed appraiser to serve as the Borough’s tax appeal appraiser during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2020, and received qualification statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional appraisal services by Federal Appraisal, LLC to serve as tax appeal appraiser for the Borough during 2020 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Federal Appraisal, LLC are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal Appraisal, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as tax appeal appraiser and provide professional appraisal services required by the Borough during 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Federal Appraisal, LLC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Federal Appraisal, LLC to serve as tax appeal appraiser and provide professional appraisal services during 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Federal Appraisal, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as tax appeal appraiser to perform professional appraisal services on behalf of the Borough during 2020, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Federal Appraisal, LLC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Federal Appraisal, LLC and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

### **R-30 Grant Consulting Services**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky seconded,** the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES, LLC FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a company to investigate the availability of, and obtain, governmental and non-governmental funding opportunities for Borough projects; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are deemed to be “extraordinary unspecifiable services” because the services are considered specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 4, 2019, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of grant funding consulting services to the Borough during 2020, and received Qualification Statements on October 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., commonly known as the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of grant funding consulting services by Millennium Strategies, LLC (“Millennium”) will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funding consulting services to be performed by the consultant are deemed to be “extraordinary unspecifiable services” and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open process” in accordance with the procedures mandated under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Millennium possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide grant funding consulting services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for grant funding consulting services to Millennium in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “extraordinary unspecifiable services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose, certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Millennium for the provision of grant funding consulting services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Millennium Strategies, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed to perform grant funding consulting services on behalf of the Borough for a term of one year, in accordance with its Qualifications Statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Millennium is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Millennium and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-31 Planning Board Appointment - Class III**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky seconded**, the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MR. MICHAEL SARGENTI AS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBER, CLASS III OF THE BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Ordinance 261-1 of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Fort Lee, provides that the Borough Council shall designate and appoint a member of the Borough Planning Board, pursuant to such ordinance and to New Jersey Statutes in such cases made and provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council does, in its judgment deem it to be in the best interest of the Borough that such appointment be made,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that **Councilman Michael Sargenti** be and is hereby designated and appointed by the Borough Council and as the **Borough Council Member Class III** of the **Borough Planning Board** pursuant to Borough Ord. 261-1 et seq. of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Fort Lee and pursuant to New Jersey Statues in such cases made and provided, the term of such appointment to be for the period of **one year** in accordance with the foregoing ordinance and statutes.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-32 Multiple Dwelling Commission Appointment**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING COUNCILMAN MICHAEL SARGENTI TO THE FORT LEE MULTIPLE DWELLING EMERGENCY COMMISSION TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 321-3 requires the appointment of a Council Appointee to act as chairman of the Fort Lee Multiple Dwelling Emergency Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the Borough to make such appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Councilman Michael Sargenti** be and is hereby appointed to the **Fort Lee Multiple Dwelling Emergency Commission** to act as **Chairman** thereof pursuant to Borough Ordinance, and in particular Ord. 321-3 of such appointment to be in accordance with such Ordinance for a period of **one year**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-33 Parking Authority Appointment**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING RICHARD RADOIAN AND MICHAEL KLEIN AS MEMBERS OF THE FORT LEE PARKING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 79-2 of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Fort Lee provides that the Borough Council shall designate and appoint a member of the Borough Parking Authority, pursuant to such ordinance and pursuant to New Jersey Statutes in such cases made and provided and in particular, RS 40:11A-4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council does, in its judgment, deem it to be made in the best interest of the Borough that such appointment be made,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Richard Radoian and Michael Klein** be and hereby are designated and appointed by the Borough Council as a **members of the Parking Authority** pursuant to Borough Ordinance 79-1 et seq. of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Fort Lee and pursuant to New Jersey Statutes in such cases made and provided, the **term** of such appointments are as follows:

Richard Radoian - 5 Years Expiring December 31, 2024  
Michael Klein - December 31, 2023 (Fill Unexpired Term of Lane Goldstein)

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**R-34 Friends of Fort Lee Film Inc. Trustee Appointments**

**Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded,** the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING AND**

**REAPPOINTING VARIOUS TRUSTEES TO THE FRIENDS OF FORT LEE FILM,  
INC. FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following individuals be appointed or reappointed as a Board of Trustee to the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc., for a term of 2 years expiring December 31, 2021, as listed.

Doris Cohen (New Appointment)  
Nelson Page (Reappointment)  
Armand Pohan (Reappointment)

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Council man Sargenti**, the Proposed Consent Agenda was introduced, and the public hearing was opened relative to items R-35 through R-46.

**R-35 Designation of Newspapers**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING THE  
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that pursuant to NJSA 40:53-1, the following **newspapers** are hereby designated as official newspapers for legal advertisements and notices required by law to be published by the Borough of Fort Lee:

**The Record  
The Jersey Journal  
The Star Ledger**

**R-36 Establishing Rate of Interest for Tax Delinquencies**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A 54:4-67 THE RATE OF  
INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, the provisions of NJSA 54:4-67 direct that the governing body of each municipality may **fix the rate of interest** to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquencies, and may further provide that no interest shall be charged if on payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-67 further provides that the rate of interest so fixed **shall not exceed eight percent (8%) on the first one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%)** per annum on **any amount in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)**,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee do hereby fix, in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 54:4-67 the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments at eight percent (8%) per annum on the first one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the delinquency, provided, however, that no interest shall be charged if payment of any

installation is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable.

**R-37 Establishing Petty Cash Fund**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED** , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee do hereby authorize and establish the following **petty cash funds**:

**Chief Financial Officer: \$ 500.00**

**Police Department: 500.00**

**Health Department: 300.00**

**Recreation: 200.00**

**Community Center: 300.00**

and;

**WHEREAS** , the Mayor and Council authorize the Borough's Chief Financial Officer to draw checks from the Current Account in those amounts captioned above and payable to the following individuals:

**Matthew Rutch, CFO**

**Police Chief Matthew Hintze**

**Steve Wielkocz, Health Officer**

**Cheryl Westeyn, Recreation and Community Center Director**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-21, said petty cash funds are established.

**R-38 Cash Management Plan**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOROUGH 'S CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires the Borough of Fort Lee to adopt a **Cash Management Plan**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee adopts its Cash Management Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, this Cash Management Plan shall be designated to assure the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and may be modified from time to time in order to reflect changes in Federal or State law or regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee Cash Management Plan be continued for 2020.

**R-39 Authorize Electronic Tax Sales**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING A FEE OF  
\$25.00 PER NOTICE OF TAX SALE SENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2020  
ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, NJSA54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send three (3) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Borough of Fort Lee wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2020 electronic tax sale.

**R-40 Adoption of Policy Evaluation of Surplus**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE  
ADOPTION OF A POLICY RELATING TO THE EVALUATION OF SURPLUS  
FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee recognizes the importance of adopting a formal surplus policy regarding the Borough's surplus balances in an effort to predict and ensure future financial soundness and financial liquidity, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer recommended that the Borough formally adopt a surplus policy in support of the requirements of the local bond rating agencies in order to enhance and/or maintain the Borough's credit ratings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee:

1. The Chief Financial Officer shall analyze a five-year trend of surplus illustrating the significant changes therein.
2. In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the Borough maintain a surplus balance with a targeted minimum goal in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the cost of municipal operations.
3. The Chief Financial Officer shall project the future trend of revenues and expenditures in order to provide guidance as to what is required to maintain the ten percent (10%) surplus goal.
4. The surplus goal shall be evaluated annually in light of changing economic trends.

5. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**R-41 Deputy Municipal Clerk**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING A DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee Mayor and Council have determined that it would be prudent to appoint a Deputy Municipal Clerk; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that **Mr. Alfred R. Restaino** be appointed as **Deputy Municipal Clerk** for the Borough of Fort Lee, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That this appointment is categorized as an unclassified position within the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. There shall be no additional compensation associated with this appointment.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**R-42 Borough Clerk - PACO Officer**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING THE BOROUGH CLERK AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O) FOR THE YEAR 20 20**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Office (P.A.C.O.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Agency Compliance Officer is the liaison and point contact between the Division of Contract and Compliance in the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk is hereby appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the year 2020.

**R-43 Police Physicians**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING VARIOUS PHYSICIANS AS POLICE PHYSICIANS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following are hereby appointed as **Police Physicians** for the year **2020**.

Dr. Louis Angioletti	Dr. Richard Finizio
Dr. Raymond Darakjian	Dr. Gregory Pappas
Dr. Ahmed Fahmy	Dr. Kenneth Kutner
Dr. Robert Monahan	Dr. Barry Herstik
Dr. Mark Hagopian	Dr. Clemens Loew
Dr. Neil Kolsky	Dr. Kevin Basralian
Dr. George Azzariti	Dr. Gene Rosenberg
Dr. Michael Vincent	Dr. Patricia A. Farrell
Dr. Jerome Goldfischer	Dr. Joseph A. Holzapfel
Dr. Jeffrey Rappaport	Dr. Alfred D. Kulik
Dr. Michael Friedman	Dr. Samuel Suede

Dr. Anna J. Lavotshkin  
 Dr. Kyu S. Wang  
 Dr. Richard Clark  
 Dr. John Hwang  
 Dr. Nazila Biria  
 Dr. Stephen Brunnquell  
 Dr. Mika Ishitani  
 Dr. Baldev Sandhu

Dr. Gino S. Ramundo  
 Dr. Parmod K. Sharma  
 Dr. Gerald Lee  
 Dr. Julia Yu  
 Dr. Tina Fadil  
 Dr. Andrew Weissman  
 Dr. Jiyong Kim

**R-44 School Crossing Guards**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LERE APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body that the following be appointed as **School Crossing Guards** in the Borough of Fort Lee without authority to carry a firearm:

<b>ALESSIO</b>	Dorothy	<b>GARAY</b>	Lira	<b>OCCHIPINTI</b>	Joann
<b>BIANCHETTO</b>	Dennis	<b>HANSEN</b>	Erik	<b>PACHECO</b>	Jairo
<b>BOTTINI</b>	Albert	<b>HARBUS</b>	Susan	<b>PAOLA-CORAL</b>	Carmen
<b>CASTRO</b>	Amalia	<b>HERNENDEZ</b>	Miriam	<b>PATRICK</b>	Susan
<b>CABRERA</b>	Yolanda	<b>KAUFMAN</b>	Philip	<b>PERCONTINO</b>	Anna
<b>CHANG</b>	Lianrong	<b>KARABATSOS</b>	Dionysios	<b>PINEIRO</b>	Elliot
<b>COHEN</b>	Deborah	<b>KO</b>	Ellie	<b>PORTO</b>	Carol
<b>DELIBERTO</b>	Carmine	<b>KIM</b>	Nayeon	<b>RADOM</b>	Boris
<b>DEVITO</b>	Deborah	<b>KIRIAKOPOULOS</b>	Nikolaos	<b>ROSE</b>	Edward
<b>DIAMANTOPOULOS</b>	John	<b>LEE</b>	James	<b>SENDEROVYCH</b>	Olersandr
<b>DIEKHAUS</b>	Gail	<b>MAGNONE</b>	Joseph	<b>SINGER</b>	Robert
<b>DIMATTINA</b>	Dominic	<b>MAKHMETOV</b>	Veniamin	<b>SILVIA</b>	Barbara
<b>DOGALI</b>	Robin	<b>MANOUKIAN</b>	Hasmik	<b>SPRUCK</b>	Robert
<b>ELISBERG</b>	Harriet	<b>MAZZONE</b>	Steven	<b>STEPHENS</b>	Marie
<b>MEDINA</b>	Carlos	<b>MEDAGLIA</b>	Donna	<b>TALOCCO</b>	Ursula
<b>GARAY</b>	Jasmine	<b>NOLA</b>	James	<b>THORPE</b>	Jeanne
<b>CAMMARANO</b>	Tareisa	<b>WOODCOCK</b>	Lawrence	<b>YEE</b>	ChiuLai
<b>YU</b>	Chiu Chi				

**R-45 Police Guards (Matrons)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING KATHY PATRICK AND CHARLENE ORTIZ AS POLICE GUARDS (MATRONS)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following named persons be and hereby are appointed as **Police Guards (matrons)** in the Borough of Fort Lee:

Kathy Patrick  
 Charlene Ortiz

**R-46 Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT THAT APPROVES PARTICIPATION IN A MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the police departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

**WHEREAS**, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

**WHEREAS**, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

**WHEREAS**, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

**WHEREAS**, it is also recognized that the Fort Lee Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the police Department of the Borough of Fort Lee, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky. The Consent Agenda regarding R-35 through R-46 was approved on the following roll call:

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

## **MAYORAL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS**

### **Board of Adjustment**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated John Nitti** to serve as a member of the **Board of Adjustment** for a four (4) year term expiring **December 31, 2023** .

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky** , the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Francis Yook** to serve as alternate member # 1 on the **Board of Adjustment** for a two (2) year term expiring **December 31, 2021**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri**, seconded by **Councilwoman Kasofsky**, the nomination was **confirmed unanimously**.

#### **Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Sohmer** to serve as **Mayor and Council Liaison** to the **Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities** for the year **2020**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Dr. Rita D. Posner, Mitch Barnett and Jenny Senft** to serve as members of the **Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities** for a three (3) year term expiring **December 31, 2022**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri**, seconded by **Councilwoman Kasofsky**, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

#### **Environmental Beautification Committee**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky** to serve as the Council Representative of the **Environmental & Beautification Committee** for a one (1) year term expiring **December 31, 2020**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Robert Applebaum, Miriam Baker, Tamara Biselow, Maria Cafasso, Nellie Flek and Kathryn Manger** to serve as members of the **Environmental & Beautification Committee** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2022**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri**, seconded by **Councilwoman Kasofsky**, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

#### **Board of Ethics**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated David Sarnoff** to serve as a member of the **Board of Ethics Committee** for five (5) year terms expiring **December 31, 2024**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri**, seconded by **Councilman Sargenti**, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

#### **Fort Lee Film Commission**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Yoon** to serve as **Council Liaison** to the **Fort Lee Film Commission** for the year **2020**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri**, seconded by **Councilman Sargenti**, the nomination was **confirmed unanimously**.

#### **Board of Health**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky** to serve as **Council Liaison** to the **Board of Health** for the year **2020**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Mona Khorozian, Nadine Drumgoole and John Sinisi** to serve as members of the **Board of Health** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2022**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.**

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Sohmer to serve as Council Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission for the year 2020.**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Bert Rosenbluth to serve as member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2023.**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Jacqueline B. Kates to serve as alternate member on the Historic Preservation Commission for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2021.**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, the nomination was confirmed unanimously.**

### **Housing Authority**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Cervieri to serve as Council Liaison to the Housing Authority for the year 2020.**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Judith Silver, Charles Blue and Ashley Yook to serve as member of the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**On motion by Councilwoman Kasofsky, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.**

### **Library Board of Trustees**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky to serve as Council Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees for the year 2020.**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Eun Ju Hong, Karen Sandberg and Susan Siegel to serve as members of the Library Board of Trustees for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.**

### **Rent Leveling Board**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Suh to serve as Council Liaison to the Rent Leveling Board for the year 2020.**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Marie L.H. Clement, Paul Leale and George Porto to serve as members of the Rent Leveling Board for three (3) year terms expiring December 31, 2022.**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.**

### Senior Citizens ' Council

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Cervieri to serve as Council Liaison to the Senior Citizens ' Council for the year 2020.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Crissa Skarimbos to serve as Director of the Senior Citizens ' Council for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2020.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Blanca Beer, Phyllis D. Pfeifer and Roberta Sohmer to serve as members of the Senior Citizens ' Council for two (2) year terms expiring December 31, 20 21.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky , the nominations were confirmed unanimously.

### Sign/Façade Review Committee

Mayor Sokolich nominated John Hwang to serve as a member of the Sign/Façade Review Committee for two (2) year terms expiring December 31, 2021 .

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti , the nomination was confirmed unanimously.

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

### Planning Board

Mayor Sokolich appointed the following to the Fort Lee Planning Board:

Class I - Daniel Sokolich - One (1) Year Term - December 31, 2020  
Class II - Moe Marshall - One (1) Year Term - December 31, 2020  
Class IV - Robert Ferris - Four (4) Year Term - December 31, 2023  
Alternate # 2 - Michael Kaplan - Two (2) Year Term - December 31, 2021

### Library Board of Trustees - Through Mayor 's Term December 31, 2023

Mayor Sokolich appointed Joseph Cervieri as his designee to the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

### Sign/Façade Review Committee

Mayor's Appointment - Paul Leale - One (1) Year Term - December 31, 2020

Mayor's Designee - James Liu - One (1) Year Term - December 31, 2020

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Sohmer - He congratulated Mayor Sokolich on his re-election. He also congratulated Council members Kasofsky and Suh.

He reminded everyone that at our regular Council Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> we will be installing our new Fire Chiefs for 2020. He stated that last year there were over 1,400 fire calls that were responded to.

He wished everyone a happy and healthy and peaceful new year.

**Councilman Yoon** - He stated that the following Film Commission event is happening on:

Saturday February 15 - The Film Commission will celebrate John Barrymore's birthday at the DoubleTree Hotel for members. Memberships are available to the public, and you may join online.

He congratulated the Mayor and Council Members Kasofsky and Suh on their re-election. He also congratulated all of the new and old appointments and re-appointments to the Board. He reminded everyone that these are volunteer positions and he thanked everyone for their time and effort.

He wished everyone a healthy and prosperous 2020.

**Councilman Suh** - He thanked the voters for their confidence in re-electing himself, Councilwoman Kasofsky and the Mayor.

He thanked the Board of Education, where he had started off his service. He congratulated Candee Romba, Paula Colbath and Mike Rubino for their re-election and for their service.

He stated that Fort Lee is a place where the sports leagues are actually growing. He mentioned that there have been district championships in baseball and football two years in a row. Fort Lee also has a State tennis champion, who is ranked number one in the state and number four in the nation.

He wished everyone a happy new year.

**Councilman Sargenti** - He congratulated Mayor Sokolich, Councilwoman Kasofsky and Councilman Suh on their re-election.

He wished everybody from the emergency services to the residents and everyone around, a safe and good 2020.

**Councilwoman Kasofsky** - She thanked everyone for their continued support in 2019 and to the Mayor for administering her oath of office, as well as the governing body for their continued support through the year. She thanked the Municipal Chairman, Marc Macri, for his hard work during the election.

She mentioned joining Sustainable New Jersey ten years ago and how she began taking actions to improve Fort Lee and how she was able to obtain grants to build the two community gardens. She also mentioned that the new parking deck has LED lighting and four electric charging stations. She stated that Mayor Sokolich pledged a Mayor's wellness campaign for health.

She complemented the Health Department and their professionals and all the events that they hold for the residents of the Borough. She stated that Erin DePalma was just awarded Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the State. She congratulated Steve Wielkocz, the Borough's Health Officer, on his retirement.

She mentioned that the Library has grown in the last ten years with the leadership of visionary Librarian Chris Yurgelonis. She mentioned that in excess of 237,000 people visited the Library in 2018. She stated there are now over 2,300 programs attended by 37,000 patrons of all ages. The Library celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019 and there is a documentary on the history of the Library by Donna Brennan. She stated that the Library will be enlarged, a coffee shop will be added, and the exterior is going to be re-done.

**Councilman Cervieri** - He stated that we have heard the accomplishments that have been achieved by the leadership of this Mayor and Council, but it is the residents who make it all happen. It is the emergency services, the volunteers, the members of the different boards that all contribute to the quality of life in Fort Lee.

He mentioned the Adult Activity Center, formerly known as the Senior Center, which has many programs and activities and that this is the third consecutive year that they have held a Thanksgiving Dinner for people who do not have a place to go or just want to feel a sense of community.

He stated that the Housing Authority is probably one of the best in the country. He mentioned that they have a Family Self-Sufficiency program which enables people to not only obtain jobs, keep the jobs and also establish a savings plan that enables them to be able to purchase their own home. He stated that Fort Lee is one of the few places in this country where there have been almost 30 homes that have been purchased under the Fort Lee Housing Authority program over the years.

He thanked the Municipal Chairman, Marc Macri, and congratulated him on growing the organization.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

**Marc Macri:** He thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts to keep Fort Lee as the best place to live. He presented flowers to Denise Sokolich and Councilwoman Kasofsky. He presented Councilman Suh with a cigar.

There being no further public discussion, the public hearing was closed **on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh** .

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:12 p.m.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk