

RECESSED MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Thursday, December 13, 2018/
January 3, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The recessed 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, NJ.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk
Kevin Conti, Borough Attorney

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Let the minutes reflect that this is a continuation of the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting of December 13, 2018.

Let the minutes also reflect that the 2019 Fort Lee Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting will commence after the recessed meeting is completed.

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

1. On December 24, 2018 notice of this continued meeting was e-mailed to the Record and The Jersey Journal and posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board at 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, NJ. This notice was also posted to the Borough website

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Approving Budget Transfers

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following 2018 budget appropriation transfers are hereby made, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Governing Body concurring:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
FICA	11,000	
Police S/W	260,000	
UCC S/W	20,000	
Stage S/W	15,000	
Cultural/Heritage Affairs O/E	10,105	
Administration S/W		8,100
Purchasing S/W		5,000
Borough Clerk S/W		1,400
Tax Collection S/W		13,500
Tax Assessment S/W		2,700
Comm./Dispatch S/W		31,300
OEM S/W		250
EMT S/W		1,000
Fire Prevention S/W		11,800

Fire Protection S/W	10,300	
Road Repairs S/W	69,500	
General Services S/W	14,000	
Bd. Of Health S/W	15,700	
Human Services S/W	105	
Recreation S/W	11,700	
Senior Citizens S/W	14,500	
Parks/Playgrounds S/W	4,700	
Cultural/Heritage Affairs S/W	3,050	
Bd. Of Adjustment O/E	500	
EMT O/E	7,500	
Ambulance Corps. O/E	9,000	
Bldgs/Grounds O/E	45,000	
IT O/E	500	
Communication Repair O/E	10,000	
General Services O/E	7,000	
Sewers O/E	5,000	
Fire Protection O/E	11,000	
Municipal Court O/E	2,000	
TOTAL:	\$316,105	\$316,105

The Resolution was **approved** on the following roll call:

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

R-2 Authorizing Outstanding Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 201 7 to be Credited Back to Surplus

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded , the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING OUTSTANDING CREDITS FOR THE YEAR 2017 TO BE CREDITED BACK TO SURPLUS \$172,639.13

WHEREAS, there are outstanding credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that these credits be, the balance credited back to surplus in the amount of **\$172,639.13** as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

The Resolution was **approved** on the following roll call:

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

R-3 Approving Cancellation of Outstanding Debits and Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 201 7 in the Amount of \$10.00 and Less

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded , the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF ALL DEBITS AND CREDITS OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) OR LESS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

WHEREAS, there are a number of outstanding debits & credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017, in amounts of ten dollars

(\$10.00) or less,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that all debits & credits of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less be and are hereby canceled, as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

The Resolution was **approved** on the following roll call:

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

R-4 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Outstanding Open Checks in Various Accounts for 2017

Councilman Sohmer introduced, and Councilman Cervieri seconded, the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS TOTALING \$7,720.56 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, there remain checks outstanding on the Borough of Fort Lee's banking records for 2017 and prior years; and

WHEREAS, every attempt has been made by the Chief Financial Officer to have the checks cleared;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following outstanding amounts in the various accounts (see attached schedule of voided checks for details), in the total amount of **\$7,720.56**.

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Account	\$ 5,382.89
Payroll	\$ 2,337.67
<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>\$7,720.56</u>

The Resolution was **approved** on the following roll call:

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

R-5 Authorizing the Cancellation of 2018 Budget Balances

Councilman Suh introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 2018 BUDGET BALANCES

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended;

Bergen County Utilities Authority Costs - \$379,332.24

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the above listed unexpended balance of \$379,332.24 of the Current Fund be canceled.

The Resolution was **approved** on the following roll call:

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council deferred their report until the Annual Reorganization Meeting which started immediately after this meeting.

Mayor Sokolich - The Mayor welcomed everyone, and he explained what a Sine Die meeting is. He welcomed Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan and thanked them for attending this meeting. The Mayor stated that Mr. Hogan will speak at the Reorganization Meeting immediately following this meeting.

The Mayor invited Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle to speak. She congratulated Councilmen Cervieri and Sohmer on their reelection and wished everyone a happy and healthy and prosperous 2019. She complimented the Borough on its progress in smart development and unity, always working together for the betterment of the residents and for the Borough's good government.

The Mayor invited Assemblyman Johnson to speak. He stated that the governing body is elected by the people and it works for the people and it shows in the development that is here and the quality of life that is here and the quality of the first responders.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On motion by Council woman Kasofsky , seconded by Councilman Cervieri , and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

There being no discussion, the recessed meeting was adjourned **on motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky** and carried at 6:15 p.m.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk