

REORGANIZATION MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, January 3, 2019 @ 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
Kevin Conti, 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 December 10, 2018 notice of this reorganization meeting was e-mailed to the Record and The Jersey Journal. 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 stated that there were 20,423 registered voters in Fort Lee, of which 11,650 voted in the November 6, 2018 election.

INVOCATION

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

Joseph Cervieri was sworn in as Councilman by Judge DeSheplo, his wife JoAnn Hein held the Bible as he took his Oath of Office.

Harvey Sohmer was sworn in as Councilman by Mayor Mark Sokolich, his wife Roberta and daughter Stacey Sohmer Kurtz held the Bible as he took his Oath of Office.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS

"Folks, next on this agenda is a Mayor's Report, which is historically the State of the Borough each year. Fear, fear not, mine is going to be very condensed and to the point this year. But just a quick word about the two gentlemen that were sworn in tonight.

I have said this once, I have said this a hundred times, and I am looking at this from a selfish set of optics, but I would not be involved in government if this was about

bickering and fighting. We just heard from our legislative delegation, an experience that they had this morning in another town not too far away, about the lack of civility; how unproductive it was. If that happened here, I just, I would not be able to do it. Because it can only and ever only has to be about Fort Lee and our community. These two gentlemen, Joseph and Harvey, typify that. I mean every time I call Joe, every time I call Harvey, and vice-versa, available. Could be 12 o'clock at night. Could be 4 in the morning. It does not matter. That goes for the entire counsel. But we are focusing on these guys because they have won their reelection this year. So, I am so proud to serve with you two gentlemen, as I am with the balance of the Council. So, Joseph and Harvey, congratulations. And maybe what is even the best thing that has happened is you have become dear, dear friends of mine and huge parts of my life. So, thank you from a personal perspective also.

So, if you could believe it, as I go to the word processor each year and we look at what we said last year at the State of the Borough, I usually start off by saying, wow could you believe it, this is the start of my seventh year; or this is the start of my eighth year. I, incredible that I can report to you that this is the start of my twelfth year. And I remain eternally grateful to each and every one of you; the folks in this room, the 20,423 registered voters, and the other 20-some-odd-thousand people that are not yet, as of yet registered. It, it is an incredible dream to be able to be born and raised in a community and one day become and serve as her Mayor. And still to this day I wake up in the morning, I look in the mirror, and still to this day I get a charge out of being here. And I still find it hard to believe that I am here because this is a privilege beyond privilege.

Usually at the end of this speech I take the time to thank my family for letting me do it and I sneak it in. This time I am going to thank them in the beginning. To my wife Denise and to my children, my sons Daniel and Devin, all of whom I love more than words can possibly, possibly describe, and I am a tough guy, I am a tough father, that is when I am home, and I thank, thank them profusely for allowing me to serve. Because if they did not conduct themselves the way they did and if they did not give me the ability to serve, my first responsibility is as a father and as a husband. But they know I enjoy it so much and they allow me to do it. So, to Denise, Danny and Devin, I love you dearly and thank you very, very much for letting me do what I do.

We could talk a lot about 2018. We could talk about many of the things that we have done. I mean from, we broke ground on our new parking deck that we are going to talk about very shortly that is going to be completed soon. We broke ground on our new theater. I mean just think about that, right? The first ten seconds of what we are talking about, what we have done in 2018, some towns over the course of a two-hundred-year existence, do not accomplish one of those things. Fort Lee accomplished it and it is only the first two things I mentioned. I mean get your seatbelt on because there is a lot more coming in this speech. Now I am going to condense it, but we get things done here. And that is really the most important, important dimension of all of this. And we get it done for two reasons. Because we have a cohesive government but, most importantly, we have the support of the public. And if it was not the public's desire to make sure we had enough parking in this town, we would not be doing it. If it was not the public's desire to make sure Redevelopment 5 did not get or got developed and with good things and with retail buildings, it would not have gotten done. So, the authority that they confer upon us we translate into what we are hopeful are meaningful accomplishments for our community.

Ongoing redevelopment is in full speed here in the Borough of Fort Lee. As a matter of fact, Kevin Hartley advised me, our Tax Assessor, that we have added over half a billion dollars in ratables in this town over the course of the last six or seven years. Now think about that. There are some towns that do not have ratables of 200 million. We have added over 500 million dollars in ratables.

We completely renovated Borough Hall. You heard John DeSheplo talk about it. You are in just one of the many rooms that was done. This room was done under the

auspices of our incredible Borough Administrator Al Restaino and all local contractors and in-house through General Services and our DPW. We are very, very proud of this room because it typifies what we do. We do so much in-house because we have the talent to do so. And one of the best things that this government does is it provides the latitude to the folks that have the effort, have the brains, have the willpower, and have the talent to get things done. And that is why this place is a very, very special community.

I am happy to report our gas main infrastructure has been completed. Took a lot longer than we thought it was going to be done but that has now been completed. And that is something that, look, it adds to the capital wellbeing of our town. Does it improve the quality of our lives? No, but can we be assured there is not going to be a gas main break in this town for the next 30, 40, 50 years? We are pretty confident that there will not.

2018 saw the finally, the introduction of our new two-million-dollar adaptive traffic signalization system. Now a lot of folks do not even realize it is out there. It was paid for by the redevelopers. But it is a system that so far has been working fantastic. Actually, the press ran some articles on it just last week. And it is designed not to allow cars to just remain at a red light for no reason and they only get a red light when there are cars queuing to cross that road. That is important during our morning rush when we want folks to get to where they need to go, and not just the George Washington Bridge.

We have continued to reach high levels with Sustainable New Jersey. As promised, we continue to have an aggressive grant program. We continue to do all the activities during the course of 2018 that we have done over the course of the last few years.

But as I pointed out, that is just a very small sampling of what 2018 brought us. But what 2018 did, which was most important in my view, is it continued the restoration of pride in the Borough of Fort Lee. We talk about that dinner that you go to with four or five other couples, and I have always said one of those couples is going to start bragging about their town. And they are going to say, well in my town we do this and, in my town, do that. We, I want to equip you when you are at that dinner to talk about Fort Lee for an hour and a half and brag about it and tell them everything that we do. All the plays, all the activities, all the, the right and smart development, the cleaner streets, the new parks, the new spray parks. That is what this is about, to improve the quality of our lives.

2019 we are going to hopefully get near the completion of our new theater. We are going to have a new public theater here in the Borough of Fort Lee. It is an incredible, incredible accomplishment and it belongs nowhere else other than the First Hollywood.

You are also going to see, in the early part of 2019, the completion of a two-acre park in between Modern I and Modern II. That is a public park for all of us to enjoy. And at the beginning of that park there is a new freestanding restaurant, which is in the midst of construction now, to add to our nightlife and provide us with yet another alternative for restaurants here in the Borough.

In the early part of 2019 you are going to see the completion and utilization of our new parking facility, which we are all very excited about. Are the elevators in by the way? Anybody know that? Are the elevators in yet? Not yet. All right, so we are waiting for the elevators. But when they get here, we are going to open her up and it is going to be one of the best, most state-of-the-art parking facilities that the State of New Jersey has to offer. And we are grateful to the Parking Authority for your efforts in that regard.

Soon after that we are going to commence construction of a liner building that is going to be attached to that parking facility. And on the ground floor of that liner building, a promise that I have made to you over the course of the last five years, will be a new

state-of-the-art Post Office. We are on the tail end of final negotiations. The Post Office has been working with us with design. It is going to be handicap accessible. It is going to be a full-service passport center. It is going to be one-stop shopping. And it is going to be in Fort Lee. Fort Lee deserves a great Post Office and Fort Lee will get a Post Office. Where that Post Office stands now, will one day become yet another passive public park for the Borough of Fort Lee. It is a new Main Street. It is clean. You go shop; you have parking; you want to meet a friend for a cup of coffee. It will be Wi-Fi accessible. It will be the perfect place to meet friends, to have a cup of coffee or just have and enjoy a quiet respite.

2019 will see the completion of yet another community garden in the Borough of Fort Lee. Thanks to the generosity of a Fort Lee family, we were able to acquire a parcel of property on the southern end of town where we will be able to accommodate a very long waiting list of folks that have been waiting to enjoy a garden. Right, Ila? Because the other garden was met with such popularity and we are grateful to you for that.

2019 will see our new website come online. Correct, Kristin? That is coming soon. And, we are told it is going to be amongst the best of the best and we are very, very excited about that.

The completion of the high-rise on lower Main Street, where there are 60 special need and low- and moderate-income apartments within the entire building, very important. Providing folks that have needs the ability to stay here in Fort Lee. Now think about that. If you have a young adult that you are responsible for and that young adult wants some independence but needs just a little bit of assistance, would not it be wonderful to provide that independence but be close by in case he or she needs you, in a safe and a healthy environment? We did that where once there was the Cable Building off of Inwood Terrace. And on a much larger scale the building on lower Main Street will provide that service.

We have reconstructed multiple parks here in the Borough. We are in the middle of a borough-wide re-pavement initiative. The streets we did not get to this year, we promise we are going to get to next year.

We have expanded several of our Borough offices to provide better services to our town and to our residents.

We have our social media content manager, which is on fulltime. So, we are getting more involved with social media, which we are very proud of, so we can let the public know as much as we can let you know.

Through our BDA, we are increasing our cleanliness and capital improvement projects and making sure we are assisting retail as best we can.

And we are working feverishly so that 2019 we can get closer to doing what we have always promised to do, which is to provide new senior housing, which we are getting closer and closer to do, thanks to the efforts of Al and our liaison.

You know I say this every year, but I just want to remind everybody in Fort Lee, I am going to rifle through a list of stuff that we do here:

- Holiday Tree Lighting, which started with 50 people and a Charlie Brown holiday tree, which has now morphed into a 40-foot tree and about four or 5,000 people. But that typifies Fort Lee. The enthusiasm, the pride, the, the fun; that is where we are with our Holiday Tree Lighting.
- We now have our First Night, thanks to our PBA; many of their members are here.

- Our BDA events on Main Street.
- Gran Fondo.
- Tour de Fort Lee.
- Multiple 5K races.
- The Library events, which is in and of itself something that I do not think we hear enough about. They have more events at that library; as much as any other library has in the County of Bergen.
- From our Memorial Day Parade.
- Our Art and Music Festivals.
- Our Revolutionary War Reenactments.
- Our Concert Series.
- Dancing Under the Stars.
- The multiple senior events.
- And so forth and so on.

I asked my Borough Administrator, Al Restaino, to give me a quick list of some of the events that transpired in 2018 and he gave me a four-page dissertation on what we put together and what has gone on. I am not going to bore you with that, but I am going to make this statement. And I tell you I am not exaggerating. There is not a town, a village, a township, a borough or a hamlet, in the State of New Jersey, that offers more activities, more events, more things to do, than the Borough of Fort Lee. Bar none, there is not a town, village or hamlet that offers more to do in a borough than the Borough of Fort Lee.

Which brings me to communications. We have made a great effort, as best we can here in government, to make sure that everybody finds out about what we do because there is a lot to offer:

- We have our quarterly newsletter
- Fort Lee On Demand
- The free service, Nixle, for your cell phone
- 1-844-FORT-LEE for information
- Our multiple websites
- Our soon to come new website
- Our Fort Lee app
- So forth and so on.

With regard to communications, we are one of the few towns in the State that boasts its own emergency radio station. So, God forbid if we ever need it, 1630 AM will be devoted exclusively, and it is devoted exclusively, to the Borough of Fort Lee, to provide us with reports. What to do; what not to do. Where buildings are out of power. Where you can go for shelter. Road closures. Emergency messages from our Chief of Police, our Fire Department, from me. It is a great tool. That is why I remind everybody in the Borough to make sure you have a Red Cross-type radio, one that works with batteries but also the ones that you could crank, so in the event of a complete blackout we will be able to communicate with you. And that is one of the lessons we learned from Sandy several years back. That the lack of communication was very difficult. I, we, we were driving around eight hours a day passing out memos on what was going on. That was only somewhat effective. But if you have that radio there'll be rolling messages and we will be able to communicate with you 24/7.

Which brings me now to Emergency Services, as I do each and every year. And I told you I was going to use the best, the word best a lot. I am going to use it in this circumstance also. There is no community in the State of New Jersey which is able to boast a better, more trained, more effective, and more productive series of emergency service agencies than the Borough of Fort Lee. Our Police Department, Chief Bendul is present. Chief, welcome, is one of the most effective, one of the most respected, and one of the best police departments in the State of New Jersey. Now bear in mind the challenges that we face. We are host community to the busiest bridge in the world. We

have hundreds of thousands of cars that go through our streets each and every day. But we are able to manage it and we are able to make sure that Fort Lee remains one of the safest communities in the Borough. And that is in large part due to our Chief of Police and many of our PBA members who are here. And please give yourselves an applause. And with that, I also would like to extend our best wishes, once again, to Deputy Chief Pat Kissane, who retired in the latter part of 2018. And all the other retirees that retired during the course of the year, not only from the Police Department but from all the other agencies and, and departments in the Borough.

Our Fire Department, Chief Chris Richter is present. Where are you Chris? This and incoming Chief Don Sauvageot. We are a volunteer fire department. I cannot begin to tell you how proud we are of you. I cannot begin to tell you how, how the, the pride that we are able to take in knowing that we have you men and women that protect our community. And if you ever wanted to wonder whether or not these folks, these volunteers were committed, I dare you to engage in a conversation with them, and I say it all the time, about firefighting, about the resources we have, what to do in a fire, what not to do in a fire, how to work the piece of apparatus, how not to work the piece of apparatus. It is so refreshing and so comforting to talk to each and every one of you because we know how committed you are. So, to our Fort Lee volunteers, we can't thank you enough, God bless you, and stay safe.

The same goes for our Ambulance Corps. 2018 Cathy Umrichin was our President; incoming President will be Steve Curry. Both of whom are present. I know that Steve is here. We have an incredible Ambulance Corps. We have to have an incredible Ambulance Corps. We have a very high senior citizen population and we need to know that when folks in Fort Lee dial 911 it puts in motion an incredible series of emergency services so that everybody feels comfortable. So, our Ambulance Corps, we are incredibly, incredibly proud of you also.

And, of course, last but not least, our Office of Emergency Management, who, which is also headed by Cathy Umrichin. This is the agency that keeps these agencies together. They are the glue between all of them. They are the support staff and support services in the background. But they play an absolute, absolute critical role, especially when we are met with our greatest challenges.

I would also like to extend a series of thank-yous. And I'm bringing and coming to an end.

But this Borough is only as good as the folks that we have here that work here on a day-to-day basis. And I think everybody in government would agree, I can tell you that the folks that are employed here, the administration, the department heads, the employees, many of whom are here today, we are so incredibly proud of you. This is a job that you have been at, probably many of you, for a very, very long period of time. But you are here and every day you provide a service that improves the quality of peoples' lives. You make our community better. You make our community special. There are an infinite amount of examples of people that go the extra mile for our taxpayers and for people that come to the proverbial window looking for information and we will always be eternally grateful.

To our Administration, Al Restaino, who is here in the front row, you have heard his name a few times. This is a special guy and we got very, very lucky that we were able to get him. From restoration of Borough Hall, to at the forefront of grants for our senior housing, to dealing with the contract administration for our new theater, the budgetary issues that he has to deal with, is an incredible guy and we are, have all been benefiting greatly by him. So, a round of applause for our Borough Administrator.

To my right is a young lady that's been with us now, how many years, Ev? Five. Evelyn

comes to us; she's here for five years. She filled the shoes of Neil who was here for probably 25 or 30 years. Just to give you a little perspective on what effort is required in that office. Over 800 OPRA requests were called upon them this year. And every single one we have responded to timely and completely, without extensions, without hitches, without lawyers complaining, so forth and so on. But it is not only that. It is the minutes. It is the resolutions. It is the liquor license applications. It is the questions from the taxpayers. So, to Evelyn and your staff, some of whom are here today, we cannot thank you enough and we are very, very, very, very proud of the efforts that you do.

And to Maryanne Leodori and Fran Weissman, who work in the Mayor's Office, a special thanks to them, who keep my life and keep Al's life in order. They are called upon to do heroic measures sometimes, and they deliver all the time.

Our DPW and General Services, Michael Maresca is here; they are incredible. The Municipal Building; they have redone the tennis courts. New playground areas. There is not an effort, not a job, not a project too small or too big. And I will tell you they are the best that any municipality could possibly have. We are also very proud of all of you guys. And some of the members of our DPW/General Services are here, too.

To our Health Department and Steve Wielkocz. You know we remind everybody, I remember my, my predecessor Jack Alter used to remind everybody of this also. Fort Lee does not have to have its own Health Department. We can simply have Bergen County do it. But we fund a Health Department because we want to make sure that we provide our, our residents the best services possible. From free flu shots to, you know, processing paperwork, so forth and so on, having your own Health Department gives you that ability and we are very proud of the folks that work there.

Cheryl Westeyn, in Recreation, and everybody that works under her, another banner year with the activities and, and the movies and the tree lighting and a Community Center that never ever sleeps. They are an integral part of the day to day life here in the Borough of Fort Lee.

To our Senior Citizen Administrator, Crissa and her staff, thank you very, very much for what you do.

Our Tax Assessor, Kevin Hartley, who I reminded you and reminded me that we have added over 500 million dollars in ratables over the last seven years.

You have met, all of you know, John DeSheplo, our incredible Municipal Court Judge, and his co-judge, and all of the staff that make the Municipal Court here in Fort Lee amongst the best that, that the State of New Jersey has to offer.

Our Building Department, run by Brian, Brian Ribarro is present. You cannot believe, and I say this for the benefit of the public, the number of permits, the issues, the inspections, and everything that it takes for that Department to run properly to keep progress moving. So, Brian, thank you.

Our Office of Cultural Affairs and Film Commission. I believe Tom is present, Nelson is also present. I mean the accolades keep rolling in. They are soon going to have a theater to operate, which we are very excited about. They have devoted a lot of time to make sure that theater, once constructed, is the best theater that we can possibly offer you. From the relationship we developed with the French Embassy to Movies under the Stars, the Revolutionary War Reenactment; you guys become a very big part of the personality of Fort Lee. So, on behalf of government we extend our thanks to you.

Gloria Gallo and Pat Rumi and to our Parking Authority Commissioners, I know some of the Commissioners are present, thank you. 2018 has been a challenging year. You had to administer the construction of a parking facility. That is no easy task. But as far as I can tell that is one of the most beautiful parking facilities I have ever seen. We are so excited to cut the ribbon on that in the not too distant future. And we are also looking forward to the construction of the liner building and our new Post Office.

We have our own Engineering Department. That has been here for a few years. Ed Mignone is present who runs it. It has also been able to save us money. It has given us the ability to do a lot of things in-house that we would otherwise hire third parties for. Thank you, Ed, we are appreciative of your efforts.

Steve Curry, who also is going to be our new Ambulance Corps Chief, and all of the folks that work in Fire Prevention here in the Borough of Fort Lee, you have an incredible, incredible challenge that you meet every day. Do not think for one second, we do not know what you guys, men and women, deal with. So, thank you very much for your efforts.

Jillian Raimondo in Human Services, thank you.

Radio and Communications, Don Sauvageot. Don will be retiring, or, I guess, retired. Right, as of three days ago? Don, thank you for your service and your efforts during '18.

Our IT Department, Sam Ghali. Sam was also one of the driving forces behind our Holiday Tree Lighting. I mean, poor guy, he is hanging Christmas lights in July to make this work in December. But that is the commitment that we expect from our employees and we are grateful. I kid Sam about it but, you know, he is a big kid. And that is why that event, in conjunction with all the other department heads and agencies, is the event that it is. It is the best holiday tree lighting in the State of New Jersey.

Matt Rutch is president, present, who is in charge of our Finance Department. Matt, thank you very much for your service over the years. And thank you for, for lack of a better term, keeping those books straight. We know it is a heck of an effort here in the Borough of Fort Lee, but we are grateful.

Christen Trentacosti, I do not know if she is present. She is now in charge of our Zoning Office.

Our Library, Christine Yurgelonis. Did I pronounce that right? Christine is here. You know, I must apologize to you because I do not spend enough time in that library. I do not. But I can tell you this, it warms my heart because a day does not go by that one, two or 50 people do not brag about what you guys do there. Every time I walk into that library there is a buzz. Whether it is an event, some ethnic event or some historical event or it is a book signing or a book reading, I defy anybody to tell me that there are better run police, excuse me, libraries in the, in the State. And I mean that.

Our Tax Collector, Angela Napolitano, our Tax Collector, we are grateful to those services. That is not an easy job here in the Borough of Fort Lee also. But again, when I thank these department heads, we are also thanking the multiple folks that work for them and below them. Tax collection is not an easy business, especially in the Borough of Fort Lee. So, we are grateful for the efforts and the warm and decent way that we handle that job.

We have always had a great partnership with the Board of Education here in the

Borough of Fort Lee and that will continue to thrive during the course of 2019. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Superintendent Ken Rota and we also extend our thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Board of Education. Because it has always been a priority that public education has to be a priority to make sure that you have an incredible, incredible community as we do. And we are looking forward to hosting them in their new home in the liner building, once constructed, at the, at the parking facility.

We have a very, very active and very incredible VFW here in the Borough of Fort Lee. And on that note, we said goodbye to our legendary VFW Commander, Jimmy Viola, during the course of 2018. Jimmy was a guy that dedicated every waking moment of his life to the betterment of veterans; young ones, old ones and everybody in between. And that is why that VFW, many of the members are present. Guys, thank you for coming today. That is why you are as special as you are. And you can always rest assured, that any way government can be supportive of you we will. To Tony Lione and company and to the folks that are running it these days, we know that it will be as successful as it has in the past and we are all very proud of you.

And last but not least to the volunteers of Fort Lee. To the members of our Planning and Zoning Boards, to our Business District Alliance, to our Library Board, Board of Health, Sign Committee, Historical Commission, youth sports, from Mike to Alan, from Jeff to Scott, to John, to Lucy, and to everybody in between, you have no idea the effort that our volunteers in Fort Lee make. I mean I know men and women that spend upwards of 50, 60, 70 hours of their spare time. I did not think after working fulltime there were that many hours in a week. But they devote it day in and day out to making sure that youth sports in the Borough of Fort Lee is as strong and as good as possible. And that goes for all the other commissions and committees in which we have many volunteers. Our Environmental Commission and so forth and so on. Volunteerism in Fort Lee is thriving. And it is thriving because we would like to think government is supportive. And when they come up with a good idea, we try to implement it as best we possibly can.

And just in closing I wanted to start or end where I had started. From a personal perspective, if this job were not productive, if it were not where I could wake up every morning and feel as though as we can accomplish something and do something for the betterment of our Borough, if we did not have that feeling, I for one would not do it. I need to know that ideas, good ideas will be implemented. I need to know that we are all on the same page to make sure that we get to the promised land and deliver the best community we can.

And with that, from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the 40-some-odd-thousand people that call Fort Lee home, I want to extend my thanks to Joseph, to Ila, to Michael, to Harvey, to Peter, and to Paul. I will tell you that this job would be impossible for me without you. I am grateful for your friendship and for your assistance. And as I tell everybody, we work in unison, we are a great team, and as a result of that we have, if we say so ourselves, we have achieved some pretty cool accomplishments over the years.

So, look, 2019, keep your seatbelt on Fort Lee, we still have a lot to do. You are going to see parking decks. You are going to see all the other stuff that we promised. There are a few things that are still in the works. We still have that one section of Redevelopment 5 that we need to accomplish. We are hopeful in 2019 we will start to see movement on that. By the way, the two Modern buildings are almost fully stabilized. That was a complete success. We are hopeful that the retail is going to pick up on Redevelopment 5 West. And we are getting there day by day.

So, to all the volunteers, to all the people that call Fort Lee home, to all the folks that work here, we are proud of you, we are grateful to you, and without your commitment and without your effort this place would not be nearly, nearly as successful as it is.

And to all the other people that you do not get a lot of recognition but every single time you are called upon, whether it is platters, whether it is donations, whether it is, whatever effort, whatever resources we need, we call upon that certain group of people in Fort Lee every single time. One of those guys is here. I am not going to embarrass him, but you know who I am talking about. We are eternally, eternally grateful to you because that is what makes this place special. Your commitment to community and your commitment to want to help.

I am sure I forgot some names along the way; if I did, I apologize, I am sorry. Know that I love you and we are in a special place. Thank you very, very much.”

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Seating Arrangement and Order of Voting

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING SEATING ARRANGEMENT S AND VOTING ORDER FOR 201 9

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 **2019** 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 Time and Place of Meetings for 2019

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING THE 201 9 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the below listed schedule of public meetings for the year 2019 be and is hereby adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that official action may be taken.

Work Session Meetings

Memorial Municipal Building
309 Main Street
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
Mayor’s 2nd Floor Conference Room

Regular Session Meetings

Memorial Municipal Building
309 Main Street
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
1st Floor Council Chambers

Date

Start Time

Date

Start Time

January 10 th	6:30 PM	January 17 th	7:00 PM
February 7 th & 21 st	7:00 PM	February 14 th	7:00 PM
March 7 th & 21 st	7:00 PM	March 14 th	7:00 PM
April 4 th & 18 th	7:00 PM	April 11 th	7:00 PM
May 2 nd & 16 th	7:00 PM	May 9 th	7:00 PM
June 6 th & 20 th	7:00 PM	June 13 th	7:00 PM
July 11 th	5:00 PM	July 11 th	7:00 PM
August 8 th	5:00 PM	August 8 th	7:00 PM
September 5 th & 19 th	7:00 PM	September 12 th	7:00 PM
October 3 rd & 17 th	7:00 PM	October 10 th	7:00 PM
November 7 th	5:00 PM	November 7 th	7:00 PM
December 5 th	7:00 PM	December 12 th	7:00 PM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee may require a Closed Session at any given meeting listed above. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 the Governing Body will adopt a resolution at an open meeting indicating the reasons for going into a Closed Session. No action will be taken in Closed Session.

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

R-3 Selection of Council President

Councilwoman Kasofsky introduced, and Councilman Cervieri seconded, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING MR. PETER SUH AS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that Council Member **Peter Suh** be and is hereby appointed to the position of **Council President** for the year **2019**.

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

R-4 Committee Assignments

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE LIAISONS FOR 2019

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 **2019**:

- 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 & Peter Suh
 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-5 Introduction of Temporary Budget

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE 201 9 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 2019 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 2019; and

WHEREAS, said temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2018 Municipal Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance in said 2018 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, said temporary appropriations total **\$18,045,286.00**

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:

Temporary Budget Appropriations

General Government	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
Mayor & Council	\$ 24,700.00	\$ 19,700.00
Borough Clerk	\$ 72,100.00	\$ 8,000.00
Administration	\$ 107,100.00	\$ 131,000.00
Purchasing	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 23,500.00
Personnel & Data Processing	\$ -	\$ -
Collection of Taxes	\$ 127,400.00	\$ 41,000.00

Legal Services & Costs	\$ -	\$ 144,375.00
Engineering Services & Costs	\$ 35,700.00	\$ 21,000.00
I.T.	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 13,300.00
Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00
Board of Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00
Senior Citizens Special Services	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
Rent Leveling Board	\$ -	\$ 7,800.00
Insurance: Other	\$ -	\$ 538,125.00
Insurance: Group	\$ -	\$ 3,244,000.00
Elections	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Financial Administration	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 8,200.00
Municipal Court	\$ 219,000.00	\$ 38,500.00
Economic Development	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 10,500.00

Public Safety

Fire Prevention	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 92,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	\$ -	\$ 15,750.00
Department of Communications	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 5,300.00
Police	\$ 4,777,036.00	\$ 195,000.00
Ambulance Corps	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
E M T	\$ 104,500.00	\$ 18,500.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Emergency Management	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Communications--Repairs	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 11,500.00

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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	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 70,500.00
Bergen County Sewer Utility O/C	\$ -	\$ 1,627,500.00
Auto Repair	\$ -	\$ 84,500.00
Prior Year Bills	\$ -	\$ -

Health, Welfare & Recreation

Board of Health	\$ 156,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Recreation	\$ 127,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds	\$ 156,000.00	\$ 67,500.00
General Services	\$ 263,500.00	\$ 14,500.00
Parks	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$ -	\$ 10,500.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
Cultural & Heritage	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 41,000.00
Elevator Inspections	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -

Fort Lee Community Center	\$	60,000.00	\$	55,000.00
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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	\$	-	\$	405,000.00
F I C A	\$	-	\$	420,000.00
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	\$	-	\$	780,000.00
Unemployment	\$	-	\$	25,000.00
DCRP	\$	-	\$	18,000.00

TOTALS:	\$	8,300,736.00	\$	9,744,550.00
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GRAND TOTAL:			\$	18,045,286.00
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RESOLUTION

Temporary Budget Appropriations

DEBT SERVICE

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

Total Debt Service:	\$ 7,407,000.00
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Capital Improvements

Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Acquisition of new phone system	\$ 200,000.00
2019 CDBG Road Improvement Grant	\$ 532,000.00

Temporary Budget Appropriations

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Electricity	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
Water	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 84,000.00
Fire Hydrant	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00

Contributions to:

Public Employees Retirement System	\$ -	\$ 405,000.00
F I C A	\$ -	\$ 420,000.00
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	\$ -	\$ 780,000.00
Unemployment	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
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TOTALS: \$ 8,300,736.00 \$ 9,744,550.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 18,045,286.00

RESOLUTION

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Capital Improvements

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2019 CDBG Road Improvement Grant	\$ 532,000.00

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

R-6 Designation of Depositories

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR THE YEAR 2019

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
1st 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 **2019**.

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-7 Designation of Depositories - Bank of New Jersey, Fort Lee, NJ

*MAYOR SOKOLICH RECUSED AND STEPPED AWAY FROM THE DAIS.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUH PRESIDED OVER THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer 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 2019**

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 **2019**.

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-8 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 2019

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.

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;

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 **2019**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Attorney is hereby directed to prepare said contract, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the contract for the “Official Tax Receiving Agency ”.

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

STATUTORY AND/OR ANNUAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS

R-9 Appointment of Borough Attorney

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING J.S. LEE COHEN OF THE FIRM DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of an attorney for the year **2019** 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 1st, 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 **2019**; 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 **2019** pursuant to a “fair and open” process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Borough Attorney for the year **2019** 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-10 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 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 05, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional auditing services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2017 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 2019; 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 2019 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 Wielkocz of the firm of Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional auditing services on behalf of the Borough during 2019, 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-11 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 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 Board may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough publicly issued a Request for Qualifications on October 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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-12A Borough Traffic Engineer

Council man Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti seconded, the following Resolutions R-12A - R-12B:

**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 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 05, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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.

R-12B Borough Traffic Engineer

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 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 05, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 Sohmer 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 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 05, 2018, soliciting proposals for the Performance of professional planning services to the Borough during 2019, and received proposals on October 26, 2018; 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 26, 2018 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 5, 2018, 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 Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING RAFFI KHOROZIAN AND MICHAEL CONDELMO AS BOROUGH PROSECUTORS FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the services of a Borough Prosecutor for the year **2019** 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** and **Michael Condelmo** be and are hereby appointed as **Borough Prosecutors** for the year **2019**; 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 Sohmer seconded, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING KEVIN CORRISTON AS THE BOROUGH’S PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of a Public Defender for the year **2019** 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 Corriston** be and is hereby appointed as **Public Defender** for the year **2019** 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 Municipal Court Judge

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky seconded, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN DESHEPLO AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS (3) YEARS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has appointed a second municipal judge by the assignment judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that **John DeSheplo**, is hereby appointed as a Municipal Court Judge for a term of three (3) years effective immediately with a termination date of December 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall become effective upon approval by the Bergen County Assignment Judge in accord with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary for said appointment for the year 2016 shall be set by salary ordinance of the Borough of Fort Lee.

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

R-17A Bond Council

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolutions R-17A - R-17 F:

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

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 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 05, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-17B Bond Council

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

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-17C Bond Council

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

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-17D Bond Council

**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**

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-17E Bond Council

**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**

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-17F Bond Council

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

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-18 Tax Counsel

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 FIRM OF GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK
AND CHEWCASKIE, LLP 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 Gittleman, Muhlstock and Chewcaskie, LLP (“Gittleman”) to serve as tax counsel for the Borough during 2019 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional legal services to be performed by Gittleman 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, Gittleman possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Gittleman 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 Gittleman to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services during 2019 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 Gittleman, Muhlstock and Chewcaskie, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as tax counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the

Borough during 2019, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That Gittleman 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 Gittleman 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 Labor Council

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-20A Conflict Council

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolutions R-20A - R-20F:

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-20B Conflict Council

**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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-20C Conflict Council

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO JOHN H. BANG, ESQ., OF THE CHOI LAW GROUP, 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 John H. Bang, Esq., of The Choi Law Group, LLC (“Choi Law”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2019 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional legal services to be performed by “Choi Law” 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, “Choi Law” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Choi Law” 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 “Choi Law” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2019 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 John Bang, Esq., of The Choi Law Group, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2019, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Choi Law” 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 “Choi Law” 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.

R-20D Conflict Council

**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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-20E Conflict Council

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ALLAN C. 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 Allan C. Roth, LLC (“A.C. Roth”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2019 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, “A.C. Roth” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “A.C. Roth” 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 “A.C. Roth” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2019 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 Allan C. Roth, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2019, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “A.C. Roth” 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 “A.C. Roth” 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.

R-20F Conflict Council

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BRIAN M. CHEWCASKIE ESQ. OF
GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK & CHEWCASKIE , 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 Brian M. Chewcaskie, Esq. of Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie, LLP (“Gittleman”) to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2019 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the professional legal services to be performed by “Gittleman” 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, “Gittleman” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Gittleman”. 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 “Gittleman” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2019 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. Brian M. Chewcaskie, Esq. of Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie, LLP shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2019, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That "Gittleman" 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 "Gittleman" 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 Rent Leveling Board Attorney

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2018, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-22 Municipal Court / Police Department 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 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-23 Building Department/Fire Prevention Bureau Accountant

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-24 Insurance Risk Manager

Council man Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Suh 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 2019; 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of risk management insurance services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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-25 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 2019; 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of health benefits insurance consulting services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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-26 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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-27 Financial Advisor

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 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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-28A Real Estate Tax Appeal Appraiser

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer seconded, the following Resolutions R-28A - R-28B:

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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.

R-28B Real Estate Tax Appeal Appraiser

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 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 5, 2018, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2019, and received qualification statements on October 26, 2018; 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 2019 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 2019; 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 2019 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 2019, 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-29 Grant Consulting Services

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sohmer 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 5, 2018, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of grant funding consulting services to the Borough during 2019, and received Qualification Statements on October 26, 2018; 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, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.
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-30 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 Statutes 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-31 Multiple Dwelling Commission Appointment

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky 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-32 Parking Authority Appointment

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilwoman Kasofsky seconded, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING LANE GOLDSTEIN AS A MEMBER OF THE FORT LEE PARKING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023

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 **Lane Goldstein** be and hereby is designated and appointed by the Borough Council as a **member 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 appointment to be for a period of five (5) years expiring December 31, 2023.

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

R-33 Friends of Fort Lee Film Inc. Trustee Appointment

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING HARVEY SOHMER AS A BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF FORT LEE FILM, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED , by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Harvey Sohmer is hereby appointed as a Board of Trustee to the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE D, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Council man Suh, the Proposed Consent Agenda was introduced, and the public hearing was opened relative to items R-34 through R-45.

R-34 Designation of Newspapers

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2019

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-35 Establishing Rate of Interest for Tax Delinquencies

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

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-36 Establishing Petty Cash Fund

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2019

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 Keith Bendul

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-37 Cash Management Plan

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOROUGH'S CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2019

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 2019

R-38 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 2019 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 2019 electronic tax sale.

R-39 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 2019

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-40 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, 2019 through December 31, 2019; 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-41 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 2019

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 2019.

R-42 Police Physicians

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING VARIOUS PHYSICIANS AS POLICE PHYSICIANS FOR THE YEAR 2019

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 **2019**.

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. Gino S. Ramundo
Dr. Kyu S. Wang	Dr. Parmod K. Sharma
Dr. Richard Clark	Dr. Gerald Lee
Dr. John Hwang	Dr. Julia Yu
Dr. Nazila Biria	Dr. Tina Fadil
Dr. Stephen Brunnuell	Dr. Andrew Weissman
Dr. Mika Ishitani	Dr. Jiyong Kim
Dr. Baldev Sandhu	

R-43 School Crossing Guards

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE YEAR 2019

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:

Dorothy Alessio

Theoharis Bakalis

Dennis Bianchetto	Albert Bottini
Patrick Bove	Yolanda Cabrera
Debbie Cohen	Carmine Deliberto
Debbie Devito	John Diamantopoulos
Dominic DiMattina	Robin Dogali
Gail Diekhaus	Kenneth Diekhaus
Harriet Elisberg	Valentin Flisfeder
Jazmine Garay	Lira Garay
Susan Harbus	Erik Hansen
Miriam Hernandez	Dennis Karabatsos
Philip Kaufman	Nikilaos Kiriakopoulos
Nayeon Kim	Waiping Ko
George Kokkinos	James Lee
Joe Magnone	Veniamin Makhmetov
Hasmik Manoukian	Steven Mazzone
Donna Medalgia	Carlos Medina
Gabriella Minniti	Patricia Naughton
James Nola	Joann Occhipinti
Jairo Pacheco	Carmen Paola-Coral
Susan Patrick	Anna Percontino
Carole Porto	Edward Rose
Olersandr Senderovych	Boris Radom
Steven Scrivanick	Robert Spruck
Barbara Silvia	Marie Stephens
Jeanne Thorpe	Urusla Talocco
Lawrence Woodcock	Tarisia Viera--Cammarano
Chiu Lai Yee	

R-44 Police Guards (Matrons)

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL 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-45 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 further discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky. The Consent Agenda regarding CA-34 through CA-45 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 Harry Liapes, George Makroulakis and Douglas Sugarman to serve as members of the **Board of Adjustment** for a four (4) year term expiring **December 31, 2022** .

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky , the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Donald Starace to serve as alternate member # 2 on the **Board of Adjustment** for a two (2) year term expiring **December 31, 2020**.

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 2019.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Susan Cohen to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2021.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Marilyn Miller to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities to fill the unexpired term of Michele End-Alcabas expiring December 31, 2020.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, 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, 2019.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Gregory Cervieri, Karen Bloch and Andrea Hersh to serve as members of the Environmental & Beautification Committee for three (3) year terms expiring December 31, 2021.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Ellie Sturrock to serve as a member of the Environmental & Beautification Committee for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2021

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, the nomination was confirmed unanimously.

Board of Ethics

Mayor Sokolich nominated Charles Blue, Gregory Cervieri and Harry Liapes to serve as members of the Board of Ethics Committee for five (5) year terms expiring December 31, 2023.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, 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 2019.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Donna Brennan and Marc Perez to serve as members of the Fort Lee Film Commission for two (2) year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nominations were confirmed unanimously.

Board of Health

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky to serve as Council Liaison to the Board of Health for the year 2019.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Dr. Lawrence Altman and Dr. Gerald Lee Levine to serve as members of the **Board of Health** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2021**.

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 **2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Robert Donohue to serve as member of the **Historic Preservation Commission** for a four (4) year term expiring **December 31, 2022**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Kevin Cerragno to serve as alternate member on the **Historic Preservation Commission** for a two (2) year term expiring **December 31, 2020**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nomination was **confirmed unanimously**.

Housing Authority

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Cervieri to serve as **Council Liaison** to the **Housing Authority** for the year **2019**.

On motion by Councilman Sargenti, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nomination was **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 **2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated, Dr. Michael O. Sharp to serve as member of the **Library Board of Trustees** for a five (5) year term expiring **December 31, 2023**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

Local Assistance Board

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky to serve as **Council Liaison** to the **Local Assistance Board** for the year **2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Jeffrey Silver to serve as a member of the **Local Assistance Board** for a four (4) year term expiring **December 31, 2022**.

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 **2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Susan Wielkocz and Cheryl Karpman to serve as members of the **Rent Leveling Board** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2021**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, 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 **2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Crissa Skarimbis to serve as **Director** of the **Senior Citizens ' Council** for a one (1) year term expiring **December 31, 2019**.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Helen Saiita and Barbara Sakin to serve as members of the **Senior Citizens ' Council** for two (2) year terms expiring **December 31, 2020**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

Sign/Façade Review Committee

Mayor Sokolich nominated Frank Patti and Helen Saiita to serve as members of the **Sign/Façade Review Committee** for two (2) year terms expiring **December 31, 2020**.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the nominations were **confirmed unanimously**.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Mayor Sokolich appointed the following to the **Fort Lee Planning Board**:

Moe Marshall - Class II - One (1) Year Term Through December 31, 2019.

Robert Ferris - Class IV - (Filling Unexpired Term of Steven Sakin) - Expire December 31, 2019

Neal Forshner - Class IV - Four (4) Year Term Through December 31, 2022.

Janey Cooney - Class IV - Four (4) Year Term Through December 31, 2022.

Randy Lyn Kative - Alternate # 1 - Two (2) Year Term Through December 31, 2020

Michael Kaplan - Alternate # 2 - (Filling Unexpired Term of Randy Lyn Kative) - Expire December 31, 2019

Sign/Façade Review Committee

Mayor Sokolich appointed Paul Leale as his representative

to the **Sign/Façade Review Committee** for a **one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2019**.

Mayor Sokolich appointed James Liu as his designee to the **Sign/Façade Review Committee** for a **one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2019**.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Sohmer - "I would like to congratulate my running mate Joe Cervieri on his reelection to this Borough Council. I would also like to thank the voters of Fort Lee for having the confidence in Joe and myself in electing us to another term in office. We will serve them with pride and dignity as we have in the past. I would also like to thank the Democratic Committee. Without their foresight and wisdom, Joe and I would not be able to run for election. I would like to also thank the workers of the Democratic Party in Fort Lee for their hand, for their hard work and especially the ones that worked and helped behind the scenes. I would start to name them but there, a lot of them are here and you all know who you are. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I really appreciate it and I know so does Joe.

I would like to thank a special person at this time; Kay Nest, the former Chairlady of the Democratic Party in Fort Lee. Kay and her husband Dick, former Mayor Richard Nest, showed us all up here the right things to do in life and also in politics. Especially running the good, honest and transparent government that we have today here.

In closing, I would like to thank my family. My daughters Stacey and Jill, and especially my wife Roberta, for their support as I continue to do what I love to do and believe in. And that is working for good and transparent government and, most of all, the betterment of the Borough of Fort Lee. God bless Fort Lee and the people that reside here. And I wish all of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year."

Councilman Yoon - "I also want to congratulate my colleagues, Joe Cervieri and Harvey Sohmer, for their electoral victory. Over the years they have become dear friends and, and mentors of mine. I love you both. I love serving with you. I am looking forward to continue to serve with you. I want to also thank you for your service, and I want to thank Roberta and JoAnn for allowing you guys to do what you do.

Aside from that I also want to thank the Board members that served on the various boards and committees in 2018. Most of them, I think pretty much all of them, are volunteer and, as, as a former member of the Board of Adjustment, I know that it is a big-time commitment. So, thank you.

I also want to congratulate the 2019, appointments for 2019. I look forward to working alongside you in 2019 to make Fort Lee a better place for everyone.

Aside from that, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy and prosperous 2019. See you all soon."

Councilman Suh - "Thank you for your appointment and your selection of me as your Council President.

I would like to thank, welcome back Harvey and Joe to the Council again. Congratulations. It has been fantastic working with you, and I enjoy working with you all

these years and will continue to do so going forward. It has been an honor and a privilege, as always, to serve with you guys. And like the Mayor had said before, it is great when you have members of the Council and a Mayor working together cohesively to do what is best for the town. And I think we do that, and we try to do that honestly and openly as possible. And thank you for your service, guys, it has been great, and I cannot wait to see what next year has in store for us.

Happy New Year. Congratulations to everybody in making it to 2019. It has been, it was a long road. Schools are back in session. It is dark outside, so please be careful as the kids are coming down the streets. It is hard to see. It is getting dark early these days. So please be safe.

Please have a happy and healthy New Year. And I'll see you around town."

Councilman Sargenti - "To everybody, to everybody, Happy New Year and a healthy one.

2018 was somewhat of a whirlwind, from, from inside here to outside there, with all the developing and everything that we have done. From our, from our Emergency Services, to the Mayor and Council, to Al's office, to everybody out there.

2019 should be just as prosperous as it was for 2018 for us. I would like to say congratulations to Harvey and Joe. I am glad we, I will be back working with you guys again; it completes us as one. We could move forward to 2019.

Everybody, have a good and healthy year."

Councilwoman Kasofsky - "Welcome back, Harvey and Joe. I am thrilled to be working with you. And as Mark said, I can call Harvey or Joe, whether it's 1 p.m., 2 a.m.; they are here for me. And I am so glad to be working with you.

As I look ahead to 2019, I just want to tell you a few of my green events. Every Saturday at our dog park we have a free trainer at the Fort Lee Dog Park. This Saturday the trainer will be there, and if anybody has problems with their dog, big or small, come on over and you are going to get free tips. Last month we had 30 dogs and their owners in the park. It was unbelievable. And this trainer is great.

And in terms of our health we are planning a Paint the Town Pink for May. The Health Fair this year is having our Mayor's Wellness incorporated in October of 2019. We are still giving flu shots on Tuesday mornings. There is still a few case-wides of flu. And there are seven new restaurants opening in January. The Health Department inspected 800 food establishments last year. And we are planning a new diabetes program at the Senior Center.

Last but not least, on January 12th, there will be a tricky tray to raise money for those unfortunate, in the Fort Lee Rec Center. So please join us. I will be there.

And with that, I want to wish you all happy, healthy 2019. I am so looking forward to all our programs. God bless."

Councilman Cervieri - "First, well, first of all, thank you, Mayor. You know this, this guy

is a pleasure to serve with, as is each and every one of the people up here. Al, Evelyn, your colleague and you. So, you know what, you, you need to, to serve in government, you have to have empathy. You have to have, you know, love for your fellow man and woman. You have to have, you know, feelings for kids and feelings for the older kids that happen to be my age and older. And everybody up here takes their jobs very seriously and we are all about Fort Lee. And I wanted to thank the people who have been out there to support us, who got Harvey and me reelected and the, to, and which enabled us to do our job, which is just do, do the best we can for you, the people of Fort Lee.

I would like to thank, of course, my wife JoAnn, who puts up with not having me around as much as she would like. That is what she tells me, but I think she is actually very happy to see me walk out the door once or twice a month. However, JoAnn, you are always there for me. And she also helped in our campaign. I would like to thank JoAnn for that. Harvey, you are always a pleasure to run with and it was, it is a great doing it and it has been a lot of fun. And we did pretty well this year, I think, seven thousand plus votes And to have 57 percent as a turnout for the, for total votes is very big for an off-year election. It was a mid-term and, well, we are not going to talk about how we got so many votes out.

But I would like to thank also the 38 committeemen, committee people that we have in the Borough of Fort Lee who worked very hard for our, our election. I would like to also thank the support that we have from the sign, what, our own, what we call our Sign Committee and the, the pack which supports us and everybody out, that is out there that has helped us, you know, win big in the election. Thank you, guys. I know a bunch of you are here and some have left already but we really appreciate everything you have done.

We would also like to thank all the other volunteers for, that have been serving on committees and different boards. They help make Fort Lee the great place that it is to, to be; and without them and without our Borough employees and the volunteers and everything, we would not have a town. I mean our Mayor said in, in the past, bricks and mortar does not make a town. It is the people that are there that make the town great, and Fort Lee is a great place. Our Police, Fire Department, ambulances and, and Emergency Management, you guys are second to none. It is, like the Mayor said before, you make a phone call, it is a matter of seconds before somebody is there answering. It could be as simple as a cat stuck up in a tree or somebody is having a massive heart attack. And our Ambulance Corps and the volunteers and even the people who work during the day. And we have a gentleman here who makes, who I see him zipping down the, down in his little white car with those things flashing, to make sure that somebody gets the attention that they need that saves lives.

And, Chief, you have a great core of people. My hat is off to you. As, as well as the Fire Chiefs and, and the people of the ambulance; we are going to be thanking them again I think this coming weekend.

All the Borough employees, I mean Fort Lee is a, is a very friendly place. It is a place where the, the employees know that we are in the service business. We are here to serve our people. And they do it with a smile and they are always out there trying to help.

There has been a big turnaround over the years because I have now, I have served my 21st year. I could tell you it was not always like that. And we feel that the, the whole vibe that the Mayor mentioned, hey you get a good vibe walking across the street to the library, you get that same vibe now when you walk into Borough Hall. And that starts, the credit goes at the top from the Mayor, the Administrator, the department heads. But without the people who actually execute, it would not be as good as it really is. And I thank you all for doing that.

I mentioned the library. The directors and the trustees, you are, you are doing a great job. Mark your calendar for June 1st, 2019, they will be celebrating their 100th year in existence as the Fort Lee Free Public Library. They are going to have an event. It will not cost much to, to attend. We hope you are, you are all able to make it.

I would like to thank Congressman Bill Pascrell, who is also being sworn in for his, I think seventh or eighth term already, for his great assistance in helping us get that state-of-the-art post office moved from this old spot into the liner building that the, the Mayor mentioned before.

I also want to thank each of those departments where I've been liaison to, which is the Housing Authority, the Buildings and Grounds, Senior Citizens, Building Department, and the Fort Lee BDA. They do a great job. The Building, the BDA is the special improvement district that has transformed our Main Street and, and those surrounding areas. People walk in, people who have not been to Fort Lee in years cannot believe that this is the same town that they might have left five, six years ago. It has now become, it is growing up. I mean we talked about the renaissance; I think the renaissance is here. And a lot of that credit belongs to this man right here. And, and with the support of my colleagues here. We do not only work well together, we are all friends. We have developed that friendship. We all have a mutual respect for each other and a respect for our fellow citizens.

Once again, I appreciate the ability to come in and serve for three more years. And, JoAnn, once again, thank you. And thank you all. Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019. With that I thank you."

Mayor Sokolich - "I mean I think it is, it is worthy of mention that Joseph also serves in that thankless position as our, as Democratic Municipal Chairman. And it comes with that an incredible time commitment; from fundraising, to organization, to appointments. And, Joe, we extend our thanks to you for, for taking that on because that is a, that is a thankless position. And to JoAnn also, who we know assists quite a bit with that.

But, Joe, you pass the ultimate test in my view as a councilperson. And I mean everybody does, but I think of you first when I think of it. And if there is, if there is a vote before you or a decision to be made and there is a hundred people in the room and a hundred of them are against it but you know in your heart of hearts you should vote the other way because you think it is in the best interest of your community, you have the audacity and the political wherewithal and stamina to vote that unpopular way, knowing, knowing that it is best for community. And that is something not a lot of people can brag about and do, and you do it and, and I mean it. I mean it from the bottom of my heart and that is, that is the truth. And that is why you have been here for 21 years and now going to be here for three more years. So, congratulations."

Mayor Sokolich - "Before I open to the public, I just have to give a quick shout out to my dear friend Jordan Sarnoff. They had a, the top 40 power players in North Jersey athletics in 2018. Now Jordan is what, sophomore in high school? Sophomore in high school. Jordan was named number 36 on that list. A sophomore in high school. And the blurb, the NJSIAA has made an interesting pivot in an attempt to listen to what the students have to say when it comes to high school athletics and Jordan Sarnoff is one of the leaders in the area. He has already become an important voice in Robbinsville and those around North Jersey know he has got a big future. I could tell you, whoever wrote those sentences is a smart guy or gal because I have said it, Jordan has got one heck of a future in front of him. I am glad I know him now because he is going to be a big shot one day. But we are so proud that he is a part of our community. So, congratulations, Jordan Sarnoff. And his parents, incredible supporters, Mom on the Library Board; Dad

former President of the Board of Ed. And that is what makes a community great.”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Councilman Cervieri - “I want to, the Fort Lee Democrats wanted to recognize both JoAnn and Roberta, and we have flowers for you, as well as for Evelyn and also for Denise that we brought. And we wanted to thank you for everything you guys do. The sacrifices you make to be here. And we appreciate everything you guys do. Once again, thank you.”

There being no further public discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh.

Mayor Sokolich - “Folks, have a great ’19. Thank you for enduring all of this. Godspeed.”

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 7:48 p.m.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk