

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator  
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk  
Nadine Drumgoole, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

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

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice informing the public of the time and place of this meeting was duly published in the Record, Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of November 28, 2022. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and on the outside door of Borough Hall and the Borough website.

**INVOCATION**

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

**Bergen County Clerk John Hogan** - He came forward to certify the election results and congratulated Councilwoman Kasofsky and Councilman Suh on their re-election.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

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

Peter Suh was sworn in as Councilman by Joan Voss, Bergen County Commissioner, his daughter Hailey held the Bible as he took his Oath of Office.

**Chairman Marc Macri** - He came forward and addressed the Mayor, Council Members, and the public. He congratulated Councilwoman Kasofsky and Councilman Suh on their re-election and presented both with a bouquet of flowers.

**Navarr B. from Bergen W.E.D.O.** - Presented Councilwoman Kasofsky with a yellow rose, a symbol for women's right to vote.

**PRESENTATION**

Presentations were given at the Continued Meeting session held prior to this Reorganization Meeting.

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

“We are now going to get into our Reorganization, and I have a brief, very brief state of the borough address that I wanted to share with everyone. You know, it is funny, I find this hard to believe this is now my fifteenth State of the Borough Address and my colleagues here on the Council would have an under-over as to how long it would be for the last 14 years. I am happy to report that there is no under-over this evening because I promised them that it would be very expedited. These statements summarize what we have done in Fort Lee over the course of the last year and what we are hopeful to do in 2023. They last a little longer than most other speeches because we do a lot here which is why I wanted to just get into things a little bit. People ask me all the time what is the best thing that has happened to Fort Lee? It is not all rosy and I want to be clear about that when we get to that in a second. When people ask, “What is the best thing in Fort Lee?” My answer is always, “There is a new vibe here”. There is a new sense of pride, and it seems to have consumed us. It was a long time coming, but it is now finally upon us and why has that pride is taken over? There are many reasons for it, but it is all about the people that really comprise our community. You know, on any given Wednesday, Thursday, Friday night, when weather permits, I now go to the new hubs in Fort Lee, the Be Fort Lee Park and then to that area over by our new parking deck, which unexpectedly became one of our hubs and I could tell you I count three, four, five hundred people mulling around whether they are in the coffee shops or the restaurants or in the park. I mean, those are incomparable numbers. What is also special about that is there was a time when I would go to those very same spots fifteen years ago and there would maybe be forty or fifty and I knew them all. I knew every single one of them. Now, I do not know a lot of these folks, and I think that is important because there is new blood. There is a new cycle of folks that are finding Fort Lee. They are now enjoying the Be Fort Lee experience, which I think is pretty cool. No better a compliment can be paid to a community than committing to live there, to work there and to raise your children here. That is what we are now experiencing in the borough of Fort Lee. It is easy to talk about things that we have accomplished and there are many I will refer to but the most important list in my book are the things we have not gotten to. Every town has them. There are some things here that we do need to attend to, and we are going to try to accomplish them in 2023. While our list of accomplishments grows, our list of challenges and things we need to get to should also shrink, and that is happening here. This list exists and we are going to focus on that in 2023, but that should not take away what has been accomplished in 2022. There have been multiple capital improvement projects here in the borough. Early improvements to Valley Street and Hazlett Ave, Inwood Terrace forced main pipe repairs and we have improved Bluff Rd. Anticipated in 2023, the complete refurbishment of the Junction down in the borough of Fort Lee, which we are super excited about. I am also happy to report that the never-ending project to upgrade our gas lines by PSE&G and to replace all our water mains by Veolia is nearing the end. We have now finally accomplished both of those projects or about to accomplish those projects, and these rampant construction jobs that you see within the town are all but over. Now Fort Lee can boast upgraded force main sewers, we can now boast upgraded gas mains, and we could also boast public water mains that are free of any lead pipe whatsoever. There are not a lot of communities that can make that statement. Fort Lee deserves it because we put up with the construction and the traffic delays, and the inconveniences that come with progress. So great job. We have also purchased products and acquired resources, continue to monitor the purchase of the fire trucks and we are hoping for delivery. We cannot give you a date, but our commitment is to that our emergency service agencies have the best resources that are available in the entire world. We also made a purchase of 12 Harley Davidsons, during the course of 2022. Our relationship with the Fort Lee Board of Education remains strong. As it will ever be and will become, we work with them on virtually a daily basis. When in continual communication with our colleagues, our brothers, our sisters on that board we say the three most important things about a community is public education, public education, and public education. We are thankful to our colleagues on the board for the positive trajectory that our school system is on right now. We will support our Superintendent and our colleagues on the board in 2023. 2022 saw the introduction of marijuana to the Borough of Fort Lee. Some people called it risky. I was nervous about it, but if we want to be a progressive community, we want to make sure that we take advantage of all of these uses, all of the products, all of the things that we are able to now do in accordance with the laws of the state of New Jersey. We now have Ascend over on Linwood Avenue, which has been in operation for two and a half months and I am happy to report, uneventfully without incidents. I am thankful to the Fort Lee Police Department for their

constant and continued monitoring of that operation. They have become a good business partner here in the borough of Fort Lee. In addition, a percentage of those sales will then go directly to income to the borough and hopefully provide some tax relief in 2023. We saw the resignation of our brother, Councilman Michael Sargenti, a beloved Councilman, but he is not going anywhere. Still living here with his family. Mike will always be an integral part of anything and everything that we do. We also introduced a new Councilman to my left, Bryan Drumgoole. You all know Bryan is a lifelong resident here in the borough of Fort Lee and like many of us, raising his two beautiful children with his wife Nadine, who works in the Clerk's office, to my right. I cannot begin to tell you how happy we are to have you Bryan, and it's interesting because Bryan ran our OEM. There is no better a man to do that job than Bryan. He steered us through the pandemic, and we worked together hours every single day. That position has now been filled by Chris Richter, who was equally as experienced and committed to the well-being of the borough. We are fortunate, in that regard. That is what makes the community special, right? That is what makes us better than so many other places. It is what we do. Our most important function is to find the talent that is in our talent pool, put them in the right places, and leave them alone. That is what we do here. That is why there are so many good things that are happening in our borough now. We added a record-breaking number of public events in 2022 and we did that because we were getting just off of the pandemic. I say this all the time about the borough of Fort Lee, if you do not have something to do in this borough every hour of the day, unless it is 11:00 o'clock at night until 6:00 in the morning, then you are just not looking hard enough. Virtually every single day, every hour of the day there is something to do here. We opened our new theater in 2022. Our Barrymore Film Center, which was super exciting, it is still getting its running legs down, but there are shows. Check the website and make sure you visit. It is your theater, and we are super proud of it. Still working out some kinks, but it is in full swing, and we look forward to an incredible schedule of events during 2023. Our Youth Council sponsored its annual 5K color run. We sponsored the Grand Fondo world championship bicycle race. We had our second annual Egg Hunt, which gets bigger and bigger and bigger. St. Rocco's Mutual Aid Society hosted its 93rd annual feast. We had Fort Lee night out and thank you PB for an incredibly well attended event. There had to be three or four thousand people. We go to other places and there are a few people, no big deal. Here, in Fort Lee, it has become a mega event thanks to the commitment of the PD, PBA and everybody else in the borough of Fort Lee. Obviously, we had our Memorial Day parade. We had our velocity ride to permit the 2022 bicycling fundraiser. We also had, which was very heartwarming, probably one of the most productive and one of the most notable Ukrainian relief sites in the entire United States of America that was here in the borough of Fort Lee sponsored and partnership with Baranova 27, for months on end. There were no less than hundreds of volunteers right here at redevelopment 5. That space donated by the two landlords, one of whom is present, is also very generous to the borough of Fort Lee, and I will get to that in a second, allowed them to use first 5000 square feet and then an additional 4000 square feet. Through the efforts of Baranova 27 and the volunteers here in Fort Lee. I cannot begin to tell you how many hundreds of thousands of packages went through that relief site and onto pallets and ultimately ship to Ukraine to help those folks that are going through that devastating war. Really one of the proudest and most shining moments Fort Lee has had in a long time and I am grateful to everyone that made that possible. We reintroduced "Coffee with the Mayor" an opportunity to sit down with me, one-on-one in a park, within the borough and tell me anything that is on your mind, and we will try to address it. When we first did it, I was expecting one or two people to show up which when I originally did this several years ago, that was usually the amount of people that showed up. Now we had about seventy people show up. It still was very productive, and I plan on reinstating that as soon as the weather permits. Our summer concert and movie series. What can I tell you? I mean, every week we had movies every week we had our summer concert series. They get bigger and bigger and more and more well attended and we are very, very proud of that. We are proud of our Recreation Department and Cheryl for putting all of that together. That is no easy feat, it isn't. Especially, when the mayor asked for the Eric Clapton Band, "Can we please sneak him in at the end?" Of course, with schools open, I caused all sorts of complications, but that worked out as well because of you and your staff, and we are grateful to you. There were other organizations in the Borough of Fort Lee to do things. I certainly do not want you to think that all of this comes from this group or a particular group. For example, we have the BDA organization which sponsors its own host of events and one of them was the Concourse on the Palisades Car show. It

happened back in late summer running right on Main Street and some of the side blocks. One of the most successful and already one of the most respected first-time Car Shows in the United States of America. There were 10's and 10's and 10s of vehicles. There were prizes, there were trophies. It was a phenomenal event. If you are a car enthusiast, it has now established itself as a must attend event, which I think is pretty cool. BDA also sponsors Restaurant Week to promote businesses in our borough. We had Chinese American celebrations. This year, first time 9/11 memorial. Every year we all congregate at that beautiful 9/11 memorial that Fort Lee constructed internally. It was about 11 years ago. It is a beautiful, beautiful memorial and it celebrates the effort that our emergency and 1st responders put forth on 9/11. It also remembers, of course, the victims and their families, so please, it is at Constitution Park, and I recommend everyone in Fort Lee make sure that you make it your business to go by and pay your respect. I cannot begin to tell you the thousands of meals that were delivered over the course of 2022. Whether it was a result of emergent circumstances, Thanksgiving dinners, and meals for our seniors, we cannot thank enough Senior Citizen Center and that entire group. It really is an incredible, heart-warming effort. We had emergency services meet and greets. We also unveiled four murals. I hear some municipalities take them a year or two or three to get one done. We managed to get four done probably within a three-month period, and I thank the BDA for their effort. I also extend my thanks to the property owners that let us take their perfectly good wall, not a crack, not a problem, nice and clean, and they allowed us to use that wall as our canvas so that the entire community could look at a piece of art. I suggest everyone in Fort Lee take a look at these murals. They are beautiful, and if anybody could think of an additional spot or two for them, please let me know because it is a program that we should continue because it celebrates culture. It celebrates art. Our next mural, by the way, will be at the overpass coming from Leonia up Fort Lee Road into Fort Lee. Right now, it is beautifully manicured with all new landscape. The BDA took care of that. They are also going to paint the over-pass the front of it with a mural. We have just received conditional approval from the Department of Transportation to do that. Now, instead of looking at dirty concrete. In the future, you will be looking at flowers done by a professional muralist, and we cannot wait till that happens because when you come into Fort Lee, we do not want the first thing that you see to be dirty, dingy concrete. We want to see upbeat. We want to see beauty. We want to see happiness because that is a picture that better tells the story of us who live in Fort Lee and not dingy concrete. That is why it is an important spot to us. We have Korean Hanbok Day celebration, our Annual Health Fair, which just continues to get bigger and bigger, pumpkin picking with the Police, Paws in the Park, another event that has grown to probably over 1000 people who attend, and it is a lot of fun. That is the vibe, that is the enthusiasm and that is the answer to the question. What is the best thing that is happened to Fort Lee? It is that enthusiasm and the desire to make sure that things get bigger and better. I go back to when we first did the holiday tree lighting where it was a group of us, maybe forty of us. I came up with the idea three days before we did it with a jug of hot chocolate from Fairway Market and we put together a Charlie Brown Holiday Tree. That event now sees upwards of 4000 to 4500 people. Probably the biggest tree lighting event in the state. Which brings me to the effort that has made to Sam and his group. I believe there was 700 or 750,000 LED lights on that building, and it is still up. A night does not go by that I don't drive by that Community Center and just simply stop and stare at it, each night from a different angle. The effort, the work, the incredible commitment it takes to put that together. What is more important than the effort, it is love of community that put those lights up. It is love of Fort Lee that strung those lights. If Sam and the team responsible for it did not love the community they were from, if they did not feel loved by the community that they were from, I do not think that effort would be made. That is what is the most important thing that has happened here. In the Borough of Fort Lee, our Veterans, who are an incredible and integral part of our community held multiple events. Our veteran day service, of course, and all the other holidays that we celebrate them. I often say they are our trophies. They are amongst the most important in our community. They fought for our freedom so that guys like me did not have to and I love them. We will of course be supportive of them during 2023 on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Other events that we shared with them this year were a holiday home and yard decorating contest. Thank you, Linda, that was a lot of fun. We encouraged a lot of homeowners to decorate which they did, and we ran around and picked the winners. Everybody that participated got a participation gift. It was a great event and it just spawned community and it encouraged people to decorate their homes so that the entire community would benefit from it. Santa Saturdays by the BDA, our

Menorah Lighting which we now moved to the Be Fort Lee Park, was wonderful and enjoyed by a lot of folks. Recently, we had a Junior Winter Camp with John Starks from the New York Knicks was there. That was just a small sampling of what goes on around here and what happened during the course of 2022, but it will get better and bigger in 2023 with all sorts of additional recreation events. What I have been talking about is stuff that we are directly responsible for, but I did not even mention what the Public Library does, and I did not tell you the 80% of what the BDA does, and I did not tell you about what other organizations that do their own thing do because I do not have three hours to do this. I have said this many times before, if we did nothing here and we only relied on the Public Library to put together events for the public, we would still be considered a very active community. Add to their effort what the government sponsors and the BDA events, and we are a thriving and busy place. I think that is pretty cool. 2023, as I told you, is going to be another year of accomplishments and there are things that we need to get to. In 2023, Fort Lee is going to build one of the most beautiful urban parks in the state of New Jersey, where our once post office existed. For the last ten State of the Borough Addresses, I have been telling you the post office is coming down. I truly thought so when I said it. Well, I can honestly tell you it is 80% down at this point. The entire building is gutted, and those walls will collapse by the week after next. We are going to start construction on the infrastructure. Where that dingy parking lot is now, will become an incredibly beautiful park with a pavilion with lighting, benches, tables and will be Wi-Fi accessible. It will be the meeting place of meeting places. It will be the hub of the Borough of Fort Lee and we are super excited about it. In 2023, we also intend to start, or get very close to starting, the Senior Citizen Housing right in our back parking lot here at Borough Hall. We have an aging population here in the borough of Fort Lee and we need to deliver those apartments, and we shall. We are well along in the design and planning stages. We are working with some top-notch professionals, and we are in the process of applying for grants and other funding sources and God willing, in 2023, we will start that project. We are going to restore the Junction this year. The Junction is a very historically important part of the borough of Fort Lee. It is on the south end, essentially, the end of Abbott Boulevard. There will be new streets, new sidewalks, new curbs, new hardscape, new lighting, benches, landscaping, and we plan on putting a mural there as well to celebrate the Junction's history and our trolley car system that once existed. There will be a repeat of 2022. There will be multiple projects. We will continue to upgrade our storm sewers. That is on that list of bad things. When we get hit with a bad storm, there are way too many houses that are getting flooded in Fort Lee. I know first-hand because I have seen where residents are standing in four feet of water when we have very bad rainfall. That cannot happen in the borough of Fort Lee. If we want to brag about being a special place, those problems must be addressed. I can assure all the members of the public that we are in the design stage on increasing our stormwater capacity. We are in the design stage of improving and upgrading our system so that flooding is ameliorated. We will continue with our smart growth projects and with our capital improvements and our aggressive paving programs. PSE&G and Veolia Water is all but completed with their very important projects that have improved the infrastructure of the borough. Fort Lee will continue to upgrade our borough buildings. We finished the Recreation Center we in 2022 and will continue with the Youth Center. That building is old, but it could be turned into an incredible facility for everybody in Fort Lee to enjoy. Our Youth Center is getting a facelift in 2023 and we will use that building in a much, much efficient and better way than we have been in. We will continue to upgrade where we are able to. Things change in local government, right, just up until half an hour ago, I was on the phone with our Congressman Josh Gottheimer, who offered to have regular hours here on a weekly basis in the borough of Fort Lee, right here, at Borough Hall. We have already picked the office. My Council may not know this yet, but yes, Josh Gottheimer and his aides will be in Fort Lee during set time schedules each week to meet on an individual basis with residents that have problems at that level. Whether it is with immigration, passports, a tax issue or whatever it might be, I think that is going to be an incredible resource. When Congressman Gottheimer suggested it to me this afternoon, I absolutely welcomed it and spoke with AI, our Borough Administrator. We have an office picked for him already because we are excited to have the Congressman on a regular basis. To have him here to address the problems of our borough. Finally, a series of thank you's, and again, I do not want to get too into detail because I am going to forget folks, but to all our departments and to all our employees, I cannot thank you enough for your commitment. You know the naysayers would say yeah, but they get paid for that, but here in Fort Lee, we go the extra mile because there is an extra dose of

enthusiasm here. The vibe is different here. Our employees are dedicated. To the folks that serve us we are forever grateful and appreciative of their efforts. To all of the departments from Parking to REC, from BDA to Finance and Tax, from IT to library, all of our Emergency Service Agencies, Police, Fire, OEM Ambulance, Municipal Court, Zoning, Building, everything and anything in between. Of course, my Administrative Office, which is led by our administrator Al Ristaino, Maryanne, and Fran, I cannot thank them enough. They are the ones that help me run Fort Lee on a day-to-day basis and of course, government. We are appreciative to our volunteers, who, many of whom you will hear about tonight as we reappoint them, our Planning and Zoning Boards, our environmental committee, our BDA, our library, our one of 100 other agencies and committees in the borough that requires the commitment, the time, and tireless effort by folks that do not get paid that are there for love of community. We are thankful to all volunteers, because without our volunteers we are truly, truly nothing. I would like to think that was an expedited review of what is gone in Fort Lee. I know I forgot a lot of things, but again, I wanted to be as quick as I possibly could. I also wanted to send out a special thank you to our Borough Administrator, Al Restaino, and of course Maryanne, who stuck it out here tonight. Maryanne, thank you so much for being with us. To Fran, who works in the Administrative Office. To the Clerk's Office to my right. Do not ever think it is easy to run a Clerk's Office because it is not. Just handling meetings, all the paperwork and Oprah requests for public documents, to Evelyn and to Nadine, and to Dina, and to Rosa. Everybody in your office, thank you very much and do not ever think for one second, it is not appreciated. To everybody else, I just want to extend a thanks to our emergency service agency. I say it all the time, when you dial 911 in this community, that triggers a response which is uncommon, and in my opinion, not matched by any other municipality. It puts into motion a series of resources and committed men and women to make sure that they get to you as quickly as they can to keep you safe. We are so proud of our emergency services. One last thank you, to my colleagues here, my extended family. Thank you, love serving with you. To our Borough Attorney, Brian, he has now been with us at the start of your second year. Brian started his thirty, I'm off my years this year so I will try to remember, you started when the Easter Egg hunt started. That is how I remember all of this. Again, thank you to my colleagues. This just would not be fun for me if we did not have the same vision. We disagree all the time, but at the end of the day, we always keep our eye on the ball. We do not let politics intervene. It is not about taking credit, but you will notice something we do not suck up credit here. It is all about getting it done and then just watching people enjoy it. I mean that. I cannot begin to tell you how many times I, Harvey, Joe, Peter, Paul, or Brian have an idea at a work session, and it ends up getting debated and comes back in a different life form. It is new and improved, and then we implement it. Then it gets built and then that is what is beautiful about local government. Because we are in a position and in a community that has given us the trust to lead them in the direction where we think they should be. They should be led by smart parks and by smart redevelopment and putting our priorities where they belong and that is why we have been named #14 Best places to live in the United States of America. One special recognition to a guy that is as much a brother to me as my own and one of my best friends in the world, Robert Cafasso of Fairway Market, who is present tonight. He does deserve a round. I am going to make him squirm a little now, but I have to say a few things. I am going to tell you that there is not an event, not a meeting, not a function, there is nothing that goes on in this place, that the Cafasso family and that would include Robert and his brother, David and Ashley and Maria, that they are not somehow a part of. Whether it is the donation of food or funds or time and commitment. I am telling you we would not be the same place without that family. To Robert and your entire family, Fort Lee is eternally grateful. We cannot thank you enough. Thank you, Robert. Thank you very much. I am done, but I have one last thank you. Fifteen years ago, I will never forget, sitting at the kitchen table, and I said, "I swear, honey, I'm going to do this for one term. Just one term. Four years we're done. I'm not going to turn into a professional. I'm not going to be like them honey, I swear I'm not going to be like them." Fifteen years later, sweetie, here we are, and I am going to tell you, the missed meals, missed appointments and the missed functions and walking into the house after a meeting at 10:30 at night, and she cooked this great meal for me. I mean that happens probably three times a week. If I did not have the wife that had to allow me to do what I do, I could not serve. I would not be able to serve. Frankly, I would not want to serve, but you have given me that latitude and I love you and I am committed to you, and I just so love life with you. I am done. So that is it.

**REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS**

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

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023  
 Reorganization Meeting  
 Resolution # R-1  
 Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:      
 Approved on Consent Agenda:    

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AND VOTING ORDER FOR 2023**

**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 2023 shall be as follows:

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

**R-2 Selection of Council President**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023  
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 Resolution # R-2  
 Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:      
 Approved on Consent Agenda:    

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING MR. PAUL YOON AS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2023**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that Council Member Paul Yoon be and is hereby appointed to the position of Council President for the year 2023.

**R-3 Committee Assignments**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023  
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 Resolution # R-3  
 Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:      
 Approved on Consent Agenda:    

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE LIAISONS FOR 2023**

**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 2023:

- Ambulance.....Bryan Drumgoole
- Advisory Committee for Individuals w/Disabilities ...Harvey Sohmer
- Board of Education.....Peter Suh
- Buildings and Construction.....Paul Yoon
- Buildings and Grounds.....Joseph Cervieri
- Communications.....Harvey Sohmer
- Emergency Management.....Bryan Drumgoole
- Environmental & Beautification Committee.....Ila Kasofsky
- Finance.....Peter Suh & Paul Yoon
- Fire.....Harvey Sohmer & Bryan Drumgoole
- Health.....Ila Kasofsky
- Historic Preservation Commission.....Harvey Sohmer and Paul Yoon
- Housing Authority.....Joseph Cervieri
- Library.....Ila Kasofsky
- Municipal Court.....Peter Suh & Paul Yoon
- Parking Authority.....Harvey Sohmer & Paul Yoon
- Parks/Recreation.....Harvey Sohmer & Peter Suh
- Planning Board.....Paul Yoon
- Police.....Harvey Sohmer & Bryan Drumgoole
- Public Works.....Harvey Sohmer  
(Sewers-Sanitation-Roads-Engineering-General Services)
- Rent Leveling.....Peter Suh
- Senior Citizens.....Joseph Cervieri
- Street Lights.....Ila Kasofsky

**BUDGET AND DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS**

**R-4 Introduction of Temporary Budget**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
<b>Sohmer</b>			X			
<b>Yoon</b>			X			
<b>Suh</b>			X			
<b>Drumgoole</b>			X			
<b>Kasofsky</b>		X	X			
<b>Cervieri</b>	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-4  Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>    </u> Tabled: <u>    </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>    </u>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE 2023 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 2023 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 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, said temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 Municipal Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance in said 2022 Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said temporary appropriations total **\$19,920,650.00**

**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:



**RESOLUTION****Temporary Budget Appropriations**

<b>General Government</b>	<b><u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u></b>	<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>
Mayor & Council	\$ 55,600.00	\$ 19,700.00
Borough Clerk	\$ 84,600.00	\$ 8,000.00
Administration	\$ 138,000.00	\$ 145,500.00
Purchasing	\$ 39,800.00	\$ 23,300.00
Collection of Taxes	\$ 111,800.00	\$ 45,900.00
Legal Services & Costs	\$ -	\$ 131,250.00
Engineering Services & Costs	\$ -	\$ 53,800.00
I.T.	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 41,900.00
Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00
Board of Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00
Senior Citizens Special Services	\$ -	\$ 84,600.00
Rent Leveling Board	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00
Insurance: Other	\$ -	\$ 548,000.00
Insurance: Group	\$ -	\$3,467,000.00
Elections	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Financial Administration	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 7,400.00
Municipal Court	\$ 185,100.00	\$ 34,440.00
Economic Development	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 10,500.00
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Fire Prevention	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 327,000.00	\$ 100,500.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	\$ -	\$ 15,800.00
Department of Communications	\$ 263,000.00	\$ 5,600.00
Police	\$4,521,880.00	\$ 300,000.00
Ambulance Corps	\$ 118,500.00	\$ 30,100.00
E M T	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 18,200.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Emergency Management	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 5,400.00
Communications--Repairs	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,500.00
<b>Public Works</b>		
Streets & Roads	\$ 674,940.00	\$ 170,940.00
Street Lighting	\$ -	\$ 63,000.00
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$ -	\$ 915,000.00
Sewers	\$ 93,200.00	\$ 70,500.00
Bergen County Sewer Utility O/C	\$ -	\$1,365,000.00
Auto Repair	\$ -	\$ 79,000.00
<b>Health, Welfare &amp; Recreation</b>		
Board of Health	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Recreation	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
General Services	\$ 259,000.00	\$ 21,300.00
Parks	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$ -	\$ 773,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 40,200.00
Elevator Inspections	\$ 14,600.00	\$ -
Fort Lee Community Center	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 40,000.00
Fort Lee Community Center Stage	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 6,300.00
Barrymore Film Center & Museum	\$ -	\$ 86,000.00

**Utilities**

Gasoline	\$ -	\$ 78,800.00
Fuel Oil	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Electricity	\$ -	\$ 229,000.00
Water	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
Fire Hydrant	\$ -	\$ 52,500.00

**Contributions to:**

Public Employees Retirement System	\$ -	\$ 490,000.00
F I C A	\$ -	\$ 434,000.00
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00
Unemployment	\$ -	\$ 27,500.00
DCRP	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00

**TOTALS:** **\$ 8,369,820.00** **\$11,550,830.00**

**GRAND TOTAL:** **\$19,920,650.00**

**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
Bergen County Improvement Authority	
Payment	\$ 72,000.00
New Jersey Economic Development	
Authority	\$ 10,000.00

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

**Capital Improvements**

Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 50,000.00
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**R-5 Designation of Depositories**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky	X		X			
Cervieri			X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-5 Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>    </u> Tabled: <u>    </u> Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>    </u>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

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

- Bank of America, Fort Lee, NJ
- TD Bank, Fort Lee, NJ
- 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Bank
- State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
- PNC Bank, Fort Lee, NJ
- Noah Bank, Fort Lee, NJ
- Wilshire State Bank, Fort Lee, NJ
- Wells Fargo, Fort Lee, NJ
- Spencer’s Savings Bank, Elmwood Park, NJ
- Santander Bank, Fort Lee, NJ
- Kearny Bank, Woodridge, NJ
- First Bergen Federal Credit Union, Hackensack, NJ
- Freedom Bank, Maywood, NJ
- BCB Bank, Bayonne, 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 2023.

**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.

**R-6 Designation of Depositories - ConnectOne Bank, Englewood Cliffs, NJ**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky	X		X			
Cervieri			X			

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Resolution # R-6

Carried:  Defeated:  Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

\*Mayor Sokolich recused, Council President Yoon presided over this portion of the meeting

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF CONNECTONE BANK AS A DEPOSITORY FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**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:

**ConnectOne Bank, Englewood Cliffs, 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 2023.

**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.

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

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-7  Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>  </u> Tabled: <u>  </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>  </u>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF PNC BANK AS THE “OFFICIAL TAX RECEIVING AGENCY ” FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee that PNC Bank, Fort Lee, New Jersey be named the Official Tax Receiving Agency of the Borough of Fort Lee for 2023.

**STATUTORY AND/OR ANNUAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS**

**R-8 Borough Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-8  Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>  </u> Tabled: <u>  </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>  </u>
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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN CHEWCASKIE OF THE FIRM CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of an attorney for the year 2023 to serve as Borough Attorney; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Brian Chewcaskie and the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC 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 Brian Chewcaskie and the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC legal services will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Sokolich has nominated Brian Chewcaskie and the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC to serve as Borough Attorney, for the year 2023; 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 Brian Chewcaskie and the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC 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 2023 pursuant to a “fair and open” process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that compensation for said Borough Attorney for the year 2023 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-034, \$165,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; 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.

**R-9 Borough Auditor**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer	X		X			
Yoon			X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-9 Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>   </u> Tabled: <u>   </u> Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>   </u>
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Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri			X			

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES TO WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC**

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional auditing services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Wielkotz & Company, LLC to serve as the Borough’s municipal auditor during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional auditing services to be performed by Wielkotz & Company, 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**, Wielkotz & Company, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional auditing services required by the Borough during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional auditing services to Wielkotz & Company, 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 from account number 3-01-20-1312-216, \$159,720 said certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Wielkotz & Company, LLC for the provision of professional auditing services during 2023 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 Wielkotz & Company, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional auditing services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Wielkotz & Company, 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 Wielkotz & Company, 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.

**R-10 Borough Engineer**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-10  Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>    </u> Tabled: <u>    </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>    </u>
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**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$185,000 said certification being 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.

**R-11 Borough Engineer (case-by-case) (3)**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			

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Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:    

Approved on Consent Agenda:



Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to serve as the Borough Engineer and provide professional engineering consulting services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received Qualification Statements on October 21, 2022; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$50,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

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

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

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

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R-11B

Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:    

Approved on Consent Agenda:

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to serve as the Borough Engineer and provide professional engineering consulting services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received Qualification Statements on October 21, 2022; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

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

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

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

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to serve as the Borough Engineer and provide professional engineering consulting services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of consulting engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received Qualification Statements on October 21, 2022; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**R-12 Borough Traffic Engineer (3)**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 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 traffic engineering services required by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional traffic 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 from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Boswell” 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 Boswell Engineering 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 “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 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES TO NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES**

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Neglia Engineering Inc (“Neglia”) 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**, “Neglia” 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 “Neglia” 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 from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Neglia” 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 Neglia Engineering 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 “Neglia” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined 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 “Neglia” 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
SERVICES TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN**

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Colliers Engineering and Design (“Colliers”) 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**, “Colliers” 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 “Colliers” 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 from account number 3-01-20-1652-216, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Colliers” 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 Colliers Engineering 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 “Colliers” 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 “Colliers” 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-13 Borough Planner**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES TO NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES**

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting proposals for the Performance of professional planning services to the Borough during 2023, and received proposals on October 21, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Neglia Engineering Associates (“Neglia”) to perform such professional planning services in accordance with its Qualification Statement submitted in response to the Borough public solicitation of proposals on October 21, 2022 and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, “Neglia” 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 “Neglia” 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 “Neglia” 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 “Neglia” 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’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1702-180, \$245,328 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Neglia” 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 Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, 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 September 30, 2022, which proposal is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Neglia” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That 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 “Neglia” 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.

**R-14 Borough Prosecutors (2)**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING  
RAFFI KHOROZIAN AS THE CHIEF BOROUGH PROSECUTOR AND  
MICHAEL CANDELMO AS THE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the services of a Borough Prosecutor for the year 2023 to provide legal services which are necessary for the operation of the Municipal Court of said Borough; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Raffi Khorozian be and is hereby appointed as Chief Borough Prosecutor for the year 2023 and Michael Candelmo be and is hereby appointed as the Borough Prosecutor for the year 2023; 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.

**R-15 Borough Public Defender**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING KEVIN  
CORRISTON AS THE BOROUGH ’S PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough of Fort Lee to engage the professional services of a Public Defender for the year 2023 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**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. exempts professional services from any requirement of public advertisement for bids provided a notice of appointment is printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality,

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

1. Kevin Corrison be and is hereby appointed as Public Defender for the year 2023 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.

**R-16 Bond Counsel (4)**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Reorganization Meeting

Resolution # R-16A

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Approved on Consent Agenda:   

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WATERS, MCPHERSON, MCNEILL, P.C. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from corresponding capital accounts for work performed, \$45,000.00, said certification being 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 2023 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 2023, 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022 soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from corresponding capital accounts for work performed, \$45,200.00, said certification being 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 2023 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 2023, 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022 soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Gibbons P.C. to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Gibbons 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**, Gibbons P.C. possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Gibbons P.C. 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 from corresponding capital accounts for work performed, \$45,000.00, said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Gibbons P.C. to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Gibbons P.C. shall be and is hereby appointed as bond counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Gibbons 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 Gibbons 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R-16D

Carried: X Defeated: \_\_\_ Tabled: \_\_\_

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022 soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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. to serve as bond counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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**, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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 from corresponding capital accounts for work performed, \$45,000.00, said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. to serve as bond counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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 Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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-17 Tax Counsel**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s tax counsel and provide professional legal services to the Borough’s during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC (“Cleary”) to serve as tax counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

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

**WHEREAS**, “Cleary” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1552-260, \$1,452 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Cleary” to serve as tax counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

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

1. That the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as tax counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Cleary” is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with “Cleary” and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**R-18 Conflict Counsel (4)**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-260, \$29,040 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “WS” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 2022, 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R-18B

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Approved on Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO TRENK ISABEL SIDDIQI & SHAHDANIAN, P.C., 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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022 soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” 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**, “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-260, \$25,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” 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 “Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian” 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MARMERO LAW, 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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 “Marmero Law, LLC” to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by “Marmero Law, 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**, “Marmero Law, LLC” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Marmero Law, 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-260, \$25,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Marmero Law, LLC” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Marmero Law, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Marmero Law, 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 “Marmero Law, 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.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R-18D

Carried:  Defeated:  Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MARINIELLO & MARINIELLO, P.C. 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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Mariniello & Mariniello, P.C., to serve as conflict counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by “Mariniello & Mariniello” 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**, “Mariniello & Mariniello” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and



**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to “Mariniello & Mariniello” 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-260, \$25,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Mariniello & Mariniello” to serve as conflict counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Mariniello & Mariniello, P.C. shall be and is hereby appointed as conflict counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That “Mariniello & Mariniello” 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 “Mariniello & Mariniello” 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-19 Labor Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023  
Reorganization Meeting

Resolution # R-19

Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:    

Approved on Consent Agenda:    

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC to serve as labor counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1552-153, \$82,500 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as labor counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

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

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

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

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

**R-20 Redevelopment Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R-19

Carried: X Defeated:     Tabled:    

Approved on Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC to serve as labor counsel for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Brian Chewcaskie and the firm “Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC” are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but pursuant to a “fair and open

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

**WHEREAS**, Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1552-153, \$82,500 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC to serve as labor counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as labor counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of P.L. 1975 c. 127.
3. That the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined funds are available for this purpose
4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC and, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1), to cause this Resolution for the award of the contract to be filed and available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Clerk.
6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**R-21 Affordable Housing Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-21 Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>  </u> Tabled: <u>  </u> Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>  </u>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING**

**THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC  
FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING ATTORNEY)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the performance of professional legal services by Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC (“Cleary”) to serve as affordable housing attorney for the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

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

**WHEREAS**, “Cleary” possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available from account number 3-01-21-1902-000, \$7,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Cleary” to serve as affordable housing attorney and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed as affordable housing attorney to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

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

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

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

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

**R-22 Rent Leveling Board Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023  
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Resolution # R-22

Carried:  Defeated:  Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ROBERT M. BIAGIOTTI, 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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Robert M. Biagiotti, Esq. to serve as attorney to the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by Robert M. Biagiotti, 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**, Robert M. Biagiotti, 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 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional legal services to Robert M. Biagiotti, 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-241, \$12,500 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to Robert M. Biagiotti, Esq. to serve as attorney for, and provide professional legal services to, the Rent Leveling Board in the Borough during 2023 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 Robert M. Biagiotti, 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 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That Robert M. Biagiotti, 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 Robert M. Biagiotti, 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.

**R-23 Ethics Board Attorney**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			

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Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s ethics board attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 ethics board counsel for the Borough during 2023 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 ethics board counsel and provide professional legal services required by the Borough during 2023; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1552-027, \$55,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and



**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “WS” to serve as ethics board counsel and provide professional legal services during 2023 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 ethics board counsel to perform professional legal services on behalf of the Borough during 2023, 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-24 Municipal Court/Police Department Accountant**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # R-24  Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>   </u> Tabled: <u>   </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>   </u>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO INTERACTIVE ACCOUNTANTS 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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 Interactive Accountants to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2023 will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional accounting services to be performed by “Interactive Accountants” 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**, “Interactive Accountants” 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 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract for professional accounting services to “Interactive Accountants” 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 from account number 3-01-43-4902-263, \$12,100 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Interactive Accountants” for the provision of professional accounting services to assist the Borough in reconciling accounting records regarding the Municipal Court and the Police Department during 2023 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 Interactive Accountants 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 2023, in accordance with its qualifications statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That “Interactive Accountants” 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 “Interactive Accountants”, 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-25 Building Department/Fire Prevention Bureau Accountant**

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Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from account number 3-01-22-1972-216, \$17,182.00 said certification being 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 2023 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 2023, 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.

**R-26 Insurance Risk Manager**

Council	Motion	Second	Ye s	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole				NOT	PRESENT	
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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\*Councilman Drumgoole not present

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of risk

management insurance services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 from account number 3-01-23-2102-231, \$29,040 said certification being 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.

**R-27 Radio Frequency Communications Engineer**

Council	Motion	Second	Ye s	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole				NOT	PRESENT	
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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\*Councilman Drumgoole not present

**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022 soliciting qualification statements for the performance of traffic engineering services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 from account number 3-01-26-3112-227, \$25,000 said certification being 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.

**R-28 Financial Advisor**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional accounting services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1002-216, \$37,208 said certification being 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 2023 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 2023, 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.

**R-29 Real Estate Tax Appeal Appraiser**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**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 2023; 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 September 30, 2022, soliciting qualification statements for the performance of professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, and received qualification statements on October 21, 2022; 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 2023 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 2023; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1502-016, \$18,150 said certification being 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 2023 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 2023, 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-30 Grant Consulting Services**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**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 September 30, 2022 soliciting Qualification Statements for the performance of grant funding consulting services to the Borough during 2023, and received Qualification Statements on October 21, 2022; 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 from account number 3-01-20-1002-216, \$36,000 said certification being attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the award by the Borough of a contract to “Millennium” for the provision of grant funding consulting services is in the best interests of the Borough and is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

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

1. That Millennium Strategies, LLC shall be and is hereby appointed to perform grant funding consulting services on behalf of the Borough for a term of one year, in accordance with its Qualifications Statement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

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

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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

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

**R-31 Planning Board Appointment - Class III**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		X	X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MR. PAUL YOON 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 Paul Yoon 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.

**R-32 Multiple Dwelling Commission Appointment**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer	X		X			
Yoon			X			
Suh		X	X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri			X			

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 Carried: X Defeated:    Tabled:     
 Approved on Consent Agenda:   

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING COUNCILMAN JOSEPH CERVIERI 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 Joseph Cervieri 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.

**R-33 Parking Authority Appointment**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Drumgoole			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING MARC D. MACRI AS A MEMBER OF THE FORT LEE PARKING AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Borough Ordinance 79-2 of the codified ordinances of the Borough of Fort Lee provides that the Borough Council shall designate and appoint a member of the Borough Parking Authority, pursuant to such ordinance and pursuant to New Jersey Statutes in such cases made and provided and in particular, RS 40:11A-4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council does, in its judgment, deem it to be made in the best interest of the Borough that such appointment be made,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Marc D. Macri be and is hereby 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 appointments is as follows:

Marc D. Macri - 5 Years Expiring December 31, 2027

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

**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 CA-1 through CA-10.

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer						
Yoon						
Suh		X				
Drumgoole						
Kasofsky						
Cervieri	X					

January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting  Resolution # CA-1 to CA-10  Carried: <u>  </u> Defeated: <u>  </u> Tabled: <u>  </u>  Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>X</u>
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**CA-1 Designation of Newspapers**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**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**

**CA-2 Establishing Rate of Interest for Tax Delinquencies**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A 54:4-67 THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of NJSA 54:4-67 direct that the governing body of each municipality may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquencies, and may further provide that no interest shall be charged if on payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-67 further provides that the rate of interest so fixed shall not exceed eight percent (8%) on the first one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee do hereby fix, in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 54:4-67 the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments at eight percent (8%) per annum on the first one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the delinquency, provided, however, that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installation is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable.

**CA-3 Establishing Petty Cash Fund**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 202 3**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee do hereby authorize and establish the following petty cash funds:

Chief Financial Officer: \$ 500.00  
Police Department: 500.00  
Health Department: 300.00  
Recreation: 200.00  
Community Center: 300.00

and;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council authorize the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer to draw checks from the Current Account in those amounts captioned above and payable to the following individuals:

Matthew Rutch, CFO  
Police Chief Matthew Hintze  
Jill Scarpa, 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.

**CA-4 Cash Management Plan**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION  
OF THE BOROUGH'S CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**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 2023.

**CA-5 Authorize Electronic Tax Sale \$25.00 Per Notice Fee**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING A FEE OF \$25.00  
PER NOTICE OF TAX SALE SENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2022  
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 2022 electronic tax sale.

**CA-6 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 2022**

**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.

**CA-7 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 2023**

**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 2023.

**CA-8 School Crossing Guards**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING SCHOOL  
CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body that the following be appointed as School Crossing Guards in the Borough of Fort Lee:

<b>ALESSIO</b>	Dorothy	<b>HUANG</b>	Kevin	<b>PORTO</b>	Carole
<b>BAHOLLI</b>	Valbona	<b>KARABATSOS</b>	Dionysios	<b>RADOM</b>	Boris
<b>BIANCHETTO</b>	Dennis	<b>KIM</b>	Nayeon	<b>RICHARDONE</b>	Jenni
<b>BROWN</b>	Barbara	<b>KO</b>	Waiping	<b>ROSE</b>	Edward
<b>CASTRO</b>	Amalia	<b>LEE</b>	James	<b>SENDEROVYCH</b>	Olersandr
<b>COHEN</b>	Deborah	<b>MAGNONE</b>	Joseph	<b>SILVIA</b>	Barbara
<b>DELIBERTO</b>	Carmine	<b>MAKHMETOV</b>	Alla	<b>SPRUCK</b>	Robert
<b>DEVITO</b>	Deborah	<b>MAKHMETOV</b>	Veniamin	<b>STEPHENS</b>	Marie
<b>DIMATTINA</b>	Dominic	<b>MANOUKIAN</b>	Hasmik	<b>TALOCCO</b>	Ursula
<b>DOGALI</b>	Robin	<b>MEDAGLIA</b>	Donna	<b>THORPE</b>	Jeanne
<b>ELISBERG</b>	Harriet	<b>MEDINA</b>	Carlos	<b>TINEO</b>	Sonia
<b>GARAY</b>	Jasmine	<b>NOLA</b>	James	<b>VENTOLA</b>	Elaina
<b>GARAY</b>	Lira	<b>PACHECO</b>	Jairo	<b>VIERA-CAMMARANO</b>	Tareisia
<b>HANSEN</b>	Erik	<b>PAOLA-CORAL</b>	Carmen	<b>WILLIAMS</b>	Richard
<b>HARBUS</b>	Susan	<b>PATRICK</b>	Susan	<b>WILLIAMS-MYVETT</b>	Maria
<b>HERNANDEZ</b>	Miriam	<b>PERCONTINO</b>	Anna	<b>YEE</b>	Chiu Lai



**CA-9 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.

**CA-10 Police Physicians**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING VARIOUS PHYSICIANS AS POLICE PHYSICIANS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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 **2023**.

Dr. Louis Angioletti	Dr. Kenneth Kutner
Dr. Ahmed Fahmy	Dr. Joseph A. Holzapfel
Dr. Robert Monahan	Dr. Samuel Suede
Dr. Patricia A. Farrell	Dr. Mika Ishitani
Dr. Gary Brauner	Dr. Andrew Weissman
Dr. Alfred D. Kulik	Dr. Gerald Lee
Dr. Michael Friedman	Dr. Gino S. Ramundo

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh. The Consent Agenda regarding CA-1 through CA-10 was approved on the following roll call:

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

### **MAYORAL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS**

#### **Board of Adjustment**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Douglas Sugarman, Harry Liapes and Luis Pacheco** to serve as members of the **Board of Adjustment** for a four (4) year term expiring **December 31, 2026**.

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

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Eun Ju Hong** to serve as alternate member # 2 of the **Board of Adjustment** for a two (2) year term expiring **December 31, 2024**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh,**  
the nominations were **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 **2023**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Dr. Rita D. Posner, Mitch Barnett, Gretchen M. Harris and Levino Johnson** to serve as members of the **Advisory Committee for Individuals With Disabilities** for a three (3) year term expiring **December 31, 2025**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh,**  
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, 2023**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Robert Appelbaum, Miriam Baker, Tamara Bigelow, Nellie Flek and Kathryn Manger** to serve as members of the **Environmental & Beautification Committee** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2025**.

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

#### **Board of Ethics**

No nominations for the year 2023 .

#### **Board of Health**

\*Councilman Drumgoole Abstained

Mayor Sokolich nominated Council woman Kasofsky to serve as Council Liaison to the Board of Health for the year 2023.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Mona Khorozian, Nadine Drumgoole and John Sinisi to serve as members of the Board of Health for three (3) year terms expiring December 31, 2025.

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 2023.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Jaqueline B. Kates to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to fill a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Robert Donohue to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2026.

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

#### **Housing Authority**

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilman Cervieri to serve as Council Liaison to the Housing Authority for the year 2023.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Sherri Bauer to serve as member of the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2027.

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

#### **Library Board of Trustees**

Mayor Sokolich nominated Councilwoman Kasofsky to serve as Council Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees for the year 2023.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Helen Saitta to serve as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Mayor Sokolich nominated Marsha Sobel to serve as a member of the Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2023 .

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 **2023**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Sandra Dermon, Paul Leale and George Porto** to serve as members of the **Rent Leveling Board** for three (3) year terms expiring **December 31, 2025**.

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky**, 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 **2023**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Crissa Skarimbos** to serve as **Director** of the **Senior Citizens ' Council** for a one (1) year term expiring **December 31, 2023**.

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Barbara Sakin and Brenda R. Mester** to serve as members of the **Senior Citizens ' Council** for two (2) year terms expiring **December 31, 2024**.

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

### **Sign/Façade Review Committee**

**Mayor Sokolich nominated Frank Patti and Gregory Cervieri** to serve as members of the **Sign/Façade Review Committee** for a two (2) year term expiring **December 31, 2024**.

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

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **Planning Board**

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

**Class I - Michael Sargenti - One (1) Year Term -December 31, 2023**

**Class II - Moe Marshall - One (1) Year Term -December 31, 2023**

**Class IV - Janet Cooney -Four (4) Year Term -December 31, 2026**

**Class IV - Neal J. Forshner -Four (4) Year Term -December 31, 2026**

**Alternate 1 - Randy Kative -Two (2) Year Term -December 31, 2024**

### **Sign/Façade Review Committee**

**Mayor's Appointment - Paul Leale -One (1) Year Term -December 31, 2023**

**Mayor's Designee - James Liu -One (1) Year Term -December 31, 2023**

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

**ORD. 2023-1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE TO ACT AS THE REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 4355, LOTS 14-16 (90-100 Main Street), 11-12 (1636 & 1640 Kaufer Lane), and 20-23 (55, 51 & 47 Main Street), AND AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS AREA (Public Hearing January 19, 2023 )**

Introduced On: January 5, 2023				Adopted On:			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote	Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer			X				
Yoon			<b>RECUSED</b>				
Suh			X				
Drumgoole			X				
Kasofsky		X	X				
Cervieri	X		X				

The Ordinance was **approved**, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for January 19, 2023.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilman Sohmer** - He expressed his gratitude, congratulated, and thanked Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee.

He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

**Councilman Yoon** - He congratulated Councilman Suh and Councilwoman Kasofsky on their re-election.

He expressed his gratitude, congratulated, and thanked Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee.

He mentioned Fort Lee being ranked 14<sup>th</sup> best places to live in the Country and is a great accomplishment and thanked all employees and the collective effort to make that happen.

He congratulated and thanked all the professionals appointed to the boards, as they are volunteers.

**Councilman Suh** -He wished everyone a happy new year.

He thanked his family, council members, running mate Councilwoman Kasofsky and the public for his re-election. He also thanked Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee and his dedication to Fort Lee sports. He welcomed Councilman Drumgoole to the Council.

He mentioned he is looking forward to the upgrade for the Youth Center to provide a functional facility.

**Councilman Drumgoole-** He thanked the Mayor and Council and expressed his excitement to work with them. He congratulated Councilwoman Kasofsky and Councilman Suh on their re-elections, the Borough employees and volunteers.

He congratulated Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee.

He wished everyone a happy new year.

**Mayor Sokolich** - He expressed he is excited to have Councilman Drumgoole on the Council.

He congratulated Councilman Suh and Councilwoman Kasofsky on their re-election.

**Councilwoman Kasofsky** - She thanked everyone for their support as the longest serving Councilwoman in Bergen County.

She mentioned a grant was received from Lowes Home Improvement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> community garden. She also described the many events, clinics and classes happening in town.

She congratulated Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee.

**Councilman Cervieri** - He congratulated Councilman Suh and Councilwoman Kasofsky on their re-election.

He thanked the Mayor, Council members, Borough Administrator, volunteers and professionals, stating he is very proud of this community.

He congratulated Councilman Sargenti for his 20 years of service to the Borough of Fort Lee.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:44 P.M.

Prepared By:

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