

RECESSED MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Thursday, December 19, 2019/
January 7, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The recessed meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee was held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, NJ.

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

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Let the minutes reflect that this is a continuation of the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting of December 19, 2019.

Let the minutes also reflect that the 2020 Fort Lee Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting will commence after the recessed meeting is completed.

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

1. On December 23, 2019 notice of this continued meeting was e-mailed to the Record and The Jersey Journal and posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board at 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, NJ. This notice was also posted to the Borough website

MAYOR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Good evening everyone. How are you? This first portion of the meeting is going to be what we refer to as our Sine Die meeting. It is a continuation of our last meeting in December, just to clean up some additional work and action that the Mayor and Council needs to take and technically during the course of the 2019 fiscal year. So, we are going to go through a few resolutions. I am going to wave my opening statement and we are going to get through this as quickly as possible.”

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Approving Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING 201 9 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following 2019 budget appropriation transfers are hereby made, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Governing Body concurring:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Police S/W	220,000	
UCC S/W	70,000	
Comm/Dispatch S/W	15,000	
Fire Protection S/W	25,000	
General Services S/W	81,200	
Stage S/W	20,000	
Administration S/W		5,000
Purchasing S/W		8,000
Borough Clerk S/W		1,000
Tax Collection S/W		11,000
Tax Assessment S/W		2,500
EMT S/W		5,000
Fire Prevention S/W		12,000
Ambulance Corps S/W		7,000
Roads S/W		85,000
Bd of Health S/W		4,000
Senior Citizens S/W		10,000
Cultural/Heritage Aff. S/W		3,000
Sewers S/W		15,000
Tax Assessment O/E		22,000
Legal O/E		100,000
Engineering O/E		2,500
EMT O/E		8,000
Buildings/Grounds O/E		45,000
Senior Citizens O/E		8,000
Parks/Playgrounds O/E		11,000
Special Events O/E		100
Water O/E		3,000
Sewers O/E		30,000
Other-BCUA		1,100
Auto Repair O/E		10,000
Cultural/Heritage Aff. O/E		2,000
FICA		20,000
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$431,200</u>	<u>\$431,200</u>

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

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

R-2 Authorizing Outstanding Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 2018 to be Credited Back to Surplus

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING OUTSTANDING CREDITS FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO BE CREDITED BACK TO SURPLUS
\$278,435.09**

WHEREAS, there are outstanding credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2018; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Fort Lee, that these credits be, the balance credited back to surplus in the amount of **\$278,435.09** as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

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

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

R-3 Approving Cancellation of Outstanding Debits and Credits on the Tax Collector's Books for 2018 in the Amount of \$10.00 and Less

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF ALL DEBITS AND CREDITS OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) OR LESS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 - DECEMBER 31, 2018

WHEREAS, there are a number of outstanding debits & credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2018, in amounts of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less,

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

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

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

R-4 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Outstanding Open Checks in Various Accounts for 2018

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS TOTALING \$6,822.98 FOR THE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, there remain checks outstanding on the Borough of Fort Lee's banking records for 2018 and prior years; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following outstanding amounts in the various accounts (see attached schedule of voided checks for details), in the total amount of **\$6,822.98**

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Account	\$ 4,925.54
Payroll	\$ 1,392.39
Police Activity Trust - Treasury	\$ 505.05
<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>\$6,822.98</u>

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

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed **on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky .**

The recessed meeting was adjourned **on motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Council man Suh** and carried at 6:09 p.m.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk