

RECESSED MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Thursday, December 17, 2020/
January 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic, the recessed meeting of the Mayor and Council was held remotely. The meeting was accessible by telephone, by dialing one of the numbers listed below and entering the meeting ID number 973 9817 3399 .

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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 (Via Telephone Conference), Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Please take notice that this is a continuation of the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting of December 17, 2020 and that the 2021 Fort Lee Reorganization Meeting will commence after the recessed meeting is completed.

Please take further notice that in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice informing the public of the time and place of this continued meeting was emailed to the Record and Jersey Journal on December 18, 2020 and was posted on the outside door of Borough Hall and also posted to the Borough website.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sokolich deferred his report until the Annual Reorganization Meeting which started immediately after this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Approving Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING 20 20 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following 2020 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:

From:

To:

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Police S/W | 1,024,000 |
| Fire Prevention S/W | 75,000 |
| Recreation S/W | 80,000 |
| Buildings & Grounds S/W | 38,100 |

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Group Insurance O/E | 1,024,000 |
| OEM O/E | 100,100 |
| Buildings & Grounds O/E | 3,000 |
| Streetlights O/E | 50,000 |
| Water O/E | 40,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$1,217,100 |
| | \$1,217,100 |

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

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

R-2 Authorizing Outstanding Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 201 9 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 201 9 TO BE CREDITED BACK TO SURPLUS
\$207,241.32**

WHEREAS, there are outstanding credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019; 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 **\$207,241.32** as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

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

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

R-3 Approving Cancellation of Outstanding Debits and Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 201 9 in the Amount of \$10.00 and Less

Councilman Cervieri introduced, and Councilman Sargenti 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, 201 9 -
DECEMBER 31, 201 9**

WHEREAS, there are a number of outstanding debits & credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019, 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 201 9

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS TOTALING \$ 20,776.47 FOR THE YEAR 201 9

WHEREAS, there remain checks outstanding on the Borough of Fort Lee’s banking records for 2019 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 **\$20,776.47**

| <u>Account Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Current Account | \$ 16,020.41 |
| Payroll | \$ 3,976.06 |
| Police Activity Trust - Treasury | \$ 780.00 |
| <u>Grand Total:</u> | <u>\$ 20,776.47</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 Councilwoman Kasofsky** and carried at 6:10 p.m.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk