

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 10 , 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee was held on the above date in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

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

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice of this meeting was e-mailed to the Record, the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger on January 4, 2019. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS:**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Council man Suh** and approved **unanimously** , the meeting moved into closed session.

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

1. This body shall hereafter discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act, certain items which may generally be described as follows:

1. **Personnel:**
  - a. Planning and Zoning Office
  - b. Department of Public Works
  - c. Finance Department
  - d. Health Department
  - e. Police
  - f. Police Administration
  - g. Radio Communications
  - h. Tax Assessor's Office
  - i. Tax Collector's Office
  - j. Administration

The minutes of the discussion in closed session may be disclosed to the public when the Mayor and Council has determined that the need for confidentiality has been satisfied.

The open portion of the work session will resume upon completion of the closed portion.

The closed session portion of the meeting ended at 7:30 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 7:30 P.M.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

### **2019 Towing License Renewals**

**Also Present: Police Chief Bendul**

The Governing Body reviewed the investigation Police Report associated with the 2019 towing license renewals and held a brief discussion regarding the refusal of various tow calls dispatched.

A resolution authorizing the renewals of the following towing companies as outlined below will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda:

- ABC Towing - Effective January 1, 2019
- Sano's Towing - Effective January 1, 2019
- Statewide Towing - Effective January 1, 2019
- Apex Towing - Effective March 1, 2019

### **Area in Need of Redevelopment; 1435 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mayor Sokolich recused himself from this portion of the meeting.

A resolution designating property known as 1435 10<sup>th</sup> Street as "Area 10" an area in need of redevelopment will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> regular session agenda.

### **Request for Municipal Consent from Cross River Fiber, LLC**

A resolution authorizing Cross River Fiber, LLC to place its telecommunications facilities on existing poles within the public right-of-way within the Borough of Fort Lee for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **AT&T Wireless Public Right-of-Way**

A resolution authorizing AT&T to use poles erected within the public right-of-way of the Borough of Fort Lee by parties that have the lawful right to maintain such poles will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Personal Handicap Parking**

Councilman Sohmer suggested that the Parking Authority reach out to surrounding municipalities and inquire if they offer personalization of handicap parking spaces.

Councilman Cervieri offered a motion to approve a personal handicap sign at a location on Morningside Lane, motion seconded by Councilman Sohmer.

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

### **Change Order No. 's 3, 4 and 5; Dobco Inc., for Project Known as the Barrymore Film Center & Museum**

A resolution authorizing change order no.'s 3, 4 and 5 regarding project known as construction of the "Barrymore Film Center and Museum" will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Award of Contract for Pistol Range System**

#### **Also Present: Police Chief Bendul**

Chief Bendul provided a brief description of the firearms target system and recommended the award of the contract to Green Dream International LLC

A resolution authorizing the award of a state contract to Green Dream International LLC for the provision of a Pistol Range System will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Bid Authorization Improvements to Inwood Terrace**

A resolution authorizing the bid advertisement for project known as "Improvements to Inwood Terrace" will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Generator at the Barrymore Film Center & Museum**

A brief discussion was held regarding the importance of having a system in place for the purposes of utilizing a generator if the need ever arises.

Chief Bendul offered to have the Police Department review the specifications to possibly assist in obtaining a generator that would be a good fit at the proposed Barrymore Film Center and Museum.

Mr. Restaino will meet with the Chief and review options that would benefit the Barrymore Film Center and Museum.

### **ADD-ON - Tax Appeal Entitled "Frosana International Corp. vs Fort Lee 1632 Anderson Avenue"**

A resolution authorizing the Tax Appeal Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary in order to finalize the tax appeal settlement entitled "Frosana International Corp. vs Fort Lee 1632 Anderson Avenue" will be placed on the January 17<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **ADD-ON - Appointment to the Senior Citizen Council**

Councilman Cervieri offered a motion to appoint Ms. Sherry Bauer to the Senior Citizen Council with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Ms. Bauer will replace Ms. Helen Saitta.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Sargenti.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Response</u>
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No public comments.

At this point in the meeting at 8:19 P.M. Councilman Cervieri made a motion to re-enter into closed session, motion seconded by Councilman Sohmer.

At 8:25 P.M. the Governing Body re-entered into open session.

There being no further discussions the meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Sargenti at 8:25 P.M.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk