

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2020 at 5:00 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 Executive Conference Room #201, 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 on October 16, 2019 to the Record, the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. 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 Councilman Sohmer** 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. Administration
  - b. Health Department
  - c. Police Department
  - d. Tax Assessor
  
2. **Contracts:**
  - a. Shared Service: Board of Education

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 portion of the meeting ended at 6:00P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 6:00 P.M.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**Authorize Change Order No. 17, \$45,436.44Dobco, Inc. for Project Known as Barrymore Film Center & Museum**

A resolution authorizing change order # 17, \$45,436.44 will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Authorize Award of Contract to Boswell Engineering for the Provision of Engineering Services for Project Known as Inwood Te Improvements (Section 2 ), Not to Exceed \$17,000.00**

A resolution awarding a contract to Boswell Engineering as outlined above will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Bid Results: Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling Services**

Moved into closed session.

**Gran Fondo Race Approval, May 17, 2020**

A resolution approving Grand Fondo's request will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer No. 0219-33-022-007, B Story USA, Inc TO JJ Bada Operating Corp., 799 Abbott Blvd, Unit 1**

A resolution authorizing the above listed liquor license transfer will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Authorizing the Amendment of Resolution No. R-3 dated September 5, 2019 for the Award of a Bid of a New Hotel Liquor License: Sapthagiri Hospitality LLC, T/A Hyatt Place**

A resolution authorizing the amendment of resolution # R-3, September 5, 2019 to reflect the correct name of Sapthagiri Hospitality LLC will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Liquor License New Issuance, Hotel Exception, Sapthagiri Hospitality, LLC, 2167 Route 4 East**

A resolution authorizing the issuance of a hotel exception license to Sapthagiri Hospitality, LLC 2167 Route 4 East will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

**Veteran Friendly Municipality**

Mr. Peter Lupo, Vice President of Legislative Outreach and Public Affairs at the New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce came forward to introduce the borough to the **Veteran Friendly Municipality Certification program.**

There are 4 criteria for certification. These can be achieved by council resolution:

- Proactive notification of veteran owned businesses registered with the State of New Jersey of public bid opportunities
- Good faith effort to award 6% of municipal contract dollars to veteran owned businesses
- Good faith effort to achieve a 5% veteran workforce of municipal employees
- 3 veteran-only parking spaces set aside in municipal parking lots

It was the consensus of the governing body for Mr. Lupo to speak with Borough Attorney Cohen so that the appropriate resolutions for certification may be placed on the February 13, 2020 agenda.

### **Youth Council of Fort Lee (YCFL) Fire Color Run Event, April 25, 2020**

The Youth Council of Fort Lee (YCFL) came forward and expressed interest to raise awareness and money by organizing and a global warming changed awareness color run event.

A resolution authorizing said event will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

### **Bid Authorization: Fire House #1 Bay Doors**

A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids for project known as “Fire House #1 Bay Doors” will be placed on the January 16<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, 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

There being no further discussions the meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, at 6:00 P.M.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

