

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 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 the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Memorial Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Sokolich

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

*Council President Suh presided over the meeting.

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 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. Building Department
 - b. Department of Public Works

2. **Contracts:**
 - a. Video Newsletter

3. **Legal:**

a. Property Purchase

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 7:40 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 7:46 P.M.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Business District Alliance 2019 Budget

The Governing reviewed the Business District Alliance 2019 Budget. The budget will be placed on the February 14th regular session agenda for introduction.

Relocation of Various Election Polling Places

Clerk Rosario reviewed the proposed relocation of various polling places:

District 9 School #1 250 Hoym St.
PROPOSED NEW LOCATION: Senior Citizen Activities Center, 319 Main St

District 11 School #2 2047 Jones Road
PROPOSED NEW LOCATION: Fire Co.#3, 557 Main St

District 12 School #3 2405 Second Street/
Myrtle Avenue
PROPOSED NEW LOCATION: Van Fleet Park Club House, 2331 Third St.

District 16 School #3 2405 Second Street/
Myrtle Avenue
PROPOSED NEW LOCATION: Fire Co.#2 2481 Lemoine Ave.

The Clerk will send a letter to the Board of Elections requesting permission to relocate.

Authorize Person-to-Person Liquor License No. 0219-33-052-009 Transfer from Brown Wine Bar, LLC to Palisadium Oiso Group, LLC

A resolution authorizing a person-to-person transfer of liquor license # 0219-33-052-009 from Brown Wine Bar, LLC to Palisadium Oiso Group, LLC will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

Bid Results and Award of Contract for Project Known as "2019 CDBG

Road Resurfacing Program; 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Streets, Catherine Street, West Street, Center Street, Maple Street, Short Street and Jane Street

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to DLS Contracting, Inc. for project known as the “2019 Road Resurfacing Program” will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

Bid Results and Award of Contract for Project Known as “Inwood Terrace Improvements”

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Reggio Construction, Inc. for project known as “Improvements to Inwood Terrace” will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

Appointment Senior Citizen Council

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

Ms. Eisenberg will replace Ms. Sherry Bauer.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Suh.

Authorizing the Sale of the Borough ’s Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on Propertyroom.com

A resolution authorizing the sale of surplus equipment no longer need by the Fort Lee Police Department on an online auction website and publication of an online auction will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

Senior Housing Development Financial Agreement

A resolution confirming the need for the new construction of a 95 unit senior housing development and authorizing an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

Proposal for Engineering Services for Project Known as “The Junction”

No discussion held. Place on the next work session agenda.

Request from Babe ’s Taxi to Increase the Minimum Taxi Fare From \$2.75 First Four-Ninths of a Mile to a Minimum of \$4.75 First Four-Ninths of a Mile

Mr. Restaino stated the Mr. Staikos of Babe's Taxi responded via a letter received January 16th and stated that the competitors are charging a \$7.30 minimum fare and have the ability to sur charge with no limitations.

The Governing Body will review and discuss further at the next work session.

Request from the Business District Alliance to Review Zoning Laws

No discussion held. Place on the next work session.

Proposal for Emergency Repairs at Bluff Road Pump Station

Administrator Restaino stated that an emergency condition existed at the Bluff Road Pump Station requiring the installation of temporary shoring both inside the pump station and the wet well side of the building. J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. has been retained and is currently performing the work.

A resolution awarding a contract for the provision of emergency repairs to the Bluff Road Pump Station will be on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

ADD-ON - Authorize Change Order No. 6 Dobco, Inc. for Project Known as the "Construction of the Barrymore Film Center & Museum"

A resolution authorizing change order # 6, \$96,980.38 to Dobco, Inc. for project known as the "Construction of the Barrymore Film Center & Museum" will be placed on the February 14th proposed consent agenda.

ADD-ON - Authorizing the Renewal of a Towing License to Apex Auto

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A TOWING LICENSE FOR THE 2019 LICENSING PERIOD

BE IT RESOLVED, by Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following towing license is hereby renewed effective March 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

1. Apex Auto

1490 Bergen Blvd
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR February 14, 2019

Ord. #2019-1“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESOR AND CERTAIN NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2017-2021”

Ord. #2019-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 388 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 67, PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN TIMES DURING THE WINTER MONTHS OF THE REVISED GENERAL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE”

Ord. #2019-3 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 388 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 68, PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN ROAD IS SNOW COVERED OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE”

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

There being no further discussions the meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Sohmer, at 8:28 P.M.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk