

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2019 at 6:00 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  
J. Sheldon Cohen, Borough Attorney

**ABSENT:** Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice of this meeting was e-mailed on January 4, 2019 to the Record, the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. A meeting time change notice was e-mailed to the Record and Jersey Journal on April 25, 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 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. Administration
- b. Borough Clerk's Office
- c. Building Department
- d. Employee Policies and Procedures Manual Amendment
- e. Film Commission
- f. Finance Department
- g. Health Department

**2. Contracts:**

- a. Contract Extension Harris Corporation
- b. Housing Authority Rent Leveling

**3. Legal:**

- a. Redevelopment Agreement: 1435 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- b. Tax Appeal: Lukoil North America, LLC vs Fort Lee
- c. Lease Agreement: Malcolm Towers, 475 Main Street #1
- d. 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 6:30 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 6:30 P.M.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

At this point in the meeting Mayor Sokolich exited and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

**Business District Alliance Main Street Improvements**

The Business District Alliance has requested permission to make improvements to the Main Street area. Main Street is Borough owned property which will require amendment of the current ordinance.

An amending ordinance will be placed on a future regular session agenda for introduction.

**PBA Local No. 245 5K Walk/Run**

A resolution approving the 5K walk/run to travel through Fort Lee on June 9<sup>th</sup> will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

**Knights of Columbus/Madonna 5K and Oktoberfest**

A resolution approving the 5K walk/run and Oktoberfest to take place in Fort Lee on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 5<sup>th</sup> will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Endorsement of a NJDEP Treatment Works Application: 2160 & 2162 Jones Road**

Permit Expediting Services has requested on behalf of 2160 PIC Developers, LLC consent from the Borough to submit a Treatment Works Approval application regarding property known as 2160 and 2162 Jones Road.

A resolution authorizing same will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Proposal Engineering Services for Project Known as “Jones Road Improvements ”**

The Governing Body reviewed the proposal submitted by Boswell Engineering for the provision of engineering services regarding project known as “Jones Road Improvements.”

A resolution authorizing a contract to Boswell Engineering will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Proposal Engineering Services for Project Known as “Inwood Terrace Improvements ”**

The Governing Body reviewed the proposal submitted by Boswell Engineering for the provision of engineering services regarding project known as “Inwood Terrace Improvements.”

A resolution authorizing a contract to Boswell Engineering will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Bid Authorization : Third Party Ambulance Billing Services**

A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to obtain specifications and advertise for bids for third party billing services will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Bid Authorization: Barrymore Film Center Signage**

The Governing Body held a Brief discussion regarding the name of the Film Center. Councilman Yoon stated that a meeting should be held with the Director of the Film Center to discuss further. Mr. Restaino will contact the Director and ask that he attend the next work session meeting.

A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to obtain specifications and advertise for bids for signage at the Film Center will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Bid Authorization: Animal Control Services**

A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to obtain specifications and advertise for bids for animal control services will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Bid Results for Project Known as “Main Street & Hudson Terrace Intersection Improvements”**

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to New Prince Concrete Construction for the construction of improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Hudson Terrace will be placed on the May 9<sup>th</sup> proposed consent agenda.

### **Petition from S.A. Prime, LLC Regarding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)**

The Governing Body reviewed the correspondence submitted by S.A. Prime, LLC regarding an application submitted to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the pick-up and drop-off transportation service they will be providing to commuters.

### **Fort Lee Community Garden II**

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to name the Community Garden II after Charlie Luppino. Mr. Restaino will confirm the name with Mr. Luppino’s family.

### **Temporary Sign Ordinance**

No discussion held. Deferred to the next work session meeting.

### **Fort Lee High School Debate Club Topic**

No discussion held. Deferred to the next work session meeting.

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR May 9, 2019**

Ord. #2019-7 “AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019”

Ord. #2019-8 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 388, SECTIONS 14 AND 69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, ENTITLED, HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES”

Ord. #2019-9 “A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY”

**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 Sohmer, seconded by Councilman Suh, at 7:05 P.M.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk