

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2019 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 January 4, 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. A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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. Department of Public Works
 - b. Municipal Court
 - c. Police Department
 - d. Recreation Department

2. **Legal:**
 - a. Proposed Redevelopment Plan: 1435 10th Street

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 5:30 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 5:30 P.M.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Authorizing Issuance of Requests for Qualifications for 2020 Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services to the Borough of Fort Lee

A resolution authorizing the issuance of requests for qualifications for 2020 professional services or extraordinary unspecifiable services will be placed on the September 12th proposed consent agenda.

Apple Developer Programs

Administrator Restaino stated that for the Borough of Fort Lee to be able to list/place the Fort Lee Today app in the Apple App Store the borough must execute a consent form with Apple.

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to authorize Mr. Restaino to execute any and all necessary forms.

BDA Annual Fall-O-Ween October 26, 2019

A resolution authorizing the "Fall-O-Ween Spectacular on October 26th will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Amendment Non-Smoking Ordinance

The Governing Body discussed the current ordinance relating to non-smoking and determined that an amendment to the ordinance should be made to permit smoking on private property.

Mr. Lee Cohen was directed to prepare an amendment the existing ordinance to reflect these changes. An amending ordinance will be placed on a future regular session agenda.

Central Road Parking Spot

Administrator Restaino stated the Police Department received an inquiry from a resident at 800 Park Avenue looking to have a stop sign installed at the location of Central Road and Central Avenue. The request was sent to the Police Department for their analysis. It was determined, by the Police, that a four way stop street was not appropriate, but that the relocation of one existing parking spot would alleviate any site line issues.

Removal of Handicap Parking Space: 422 Elizabeth Street

An amending ordinance for the removal of a handicap parking space at 422 Elizabeth Street will be placed on the September 12th regular session agenda for introduction.

2018 Audit

A resolution entitled "Governing Body Certification of the 2018 Annual Audit" will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

2018 Corrective Action Plan

A resolution approving the 2018 corrective action plan as prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Bid Results: Marquee Zipper Sign Barrymore Film Center and Museum

Administrator Restaino stated that one bid was received and after a review of the submission it was determined that the price substantially exceeded the estimated cost.

A resolution rejecting the bid for the provision and installation of a marquee zipper sign at the Barrymore Film Center and Museum will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Request from the Business District Alliance to Place Signage on Hudson Lights Park

A resolution approving the request to place signage on Hudson Lights Park will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Proposal for Engineering Services for Combined Sewer Overflow Reports Required by the NJDEP, Permit # NJ0034517

Administrator Restaino reviewed a proposal submitted by HDR Engineering, Inc. regarding the Combined Sewer Overflow permit reports as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

A resolution awarding a contract to HDR Engineering, Inc, for the provision of a sewer system characterization report, public participation report and development and alternatives report will be placed on the September 12th proposed consent agenda.

Request for Removal/Relocation of a Bus Stop at 2450 Lemoine Avenue

No discussion held. Tabled to the next meeting.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Mr. Bryon Zanopoulos and Jason Coleman of Sprout Group, LLC Came forward and briefly spoke of their desire to obtain a Medical Marijuana Dispensary Permit for Fort Lee.

Mayor Sokolich stated that the concern of the Governing Body is that medical marijuana can ultimately go in the direction of recreational marijuana, which is not what the Governing Body is seeking to do at this time.

The representatives requested a letter of support for inclusion with the application they will be submitting to the New Jersey Department of Health Medicinal Marijuana Program.

It was determined that specific correspondence would be sent to Mr. Cohen and he would formulate a letter. Additionally, it was determined that a review of other companies who came before the Mayor and Council to see if they were still interested in Fort Lee. If so, a letter will also be prepared by Lee for them.

A resolution memorializing this action will be placed on the September 12, 2019 proposed consent agenda.

AT&T Small Cell Wireless Right-of-Way Project Equipment Installation

Four representatives were present. Administrator Restaino stated that AT&T is seeking to install 34 new poles and place their equipment on 8 existing poles, which had been previously approved. Councilman Cervieri expressed his concerns related to the proposed installation of additional poles.

The Governing Body does not have a problem with the 8 existing poles that were previously approved. Mr. Cohen asked that their general counsel communicate with Fort Lee and provide details as to the need for the installation of 34 new poles.

This matter will be placed on the September 5th work session for further discussion.

Insertion of Budget Item - New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, 2019 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant \$5,500.00

A resolution authorizing approval to amend the municipal budget by inserting item of revenue entitled “New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, 2019 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant” \$5,500.00 will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

ADD ON

Bid Authorization: Roof Replacement at the Fort Lee Recreation Center

A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise and obtain bid specifications for project known as “Roof Replacement at the Fort Lee Recreation Center” will be acted upon this evening at the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13, 2019

Ord. #2019-14 “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE”

Ord. #2019-15 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE GRANT OF AMENDED EASEMENTS FROM VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE EAST PARCEL IN REDEVELOPMENT AREA 5”

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 Councilman Sohmer, at 6:30 P.M.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC
Municipal Clerk