

RECESSED MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Thursday, December 9, 2021/
January 6, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic, the recessed meeting of the Mayor and Council was held remotely. The meeting was accessible by telephone, by dialing one of the numbers listed below and entering the meeting ID number 872 3911 8279.

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The recessed meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee was held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, NJ.

PRESENT: Mayor Sokolich, Council Members Sohmer, Yoon (Via Telephone Conference), Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

ALSO PRESENT: Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk
Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice informing the public of the time and place of this meeting was emailed to the Record and Jersey Journal on December 14, 2021. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

A remote meeting notice was emailed to the Record and Jersey Journal on January 4, 2022, notifying the public that this meeting would be held remotely, same was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sokolich deferred his report until the Annual Reorganization Meeting which started immediately after this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Authorizing Budget Transfers

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Sargenti		X	X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R- 1
Carried: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated: <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
Approved on Consent Agenda: <input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following 2021 budget appropriation transfers are hereby made, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Governing Body concurring:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Police S/W	232,001	
Purchasing S/W		6,100
Borough Clerk S/W		9,300
Economic Development S/W		1
OEM S/W		1,800
EMT S/W		8,600
Roads S/W		28,000
IT S/W	3,000	
Parks & Playgrounds S/W		6,600
Sewers S/W		13,600
Borough Clerk O/E		6,000
Economic Development O/E	5,000	
Rent Leveling O/E		1,000
Buildings & Grounds O/E		50,000
General Services O/E	2,000	
Parks & Playgrounds O/E		1,000
Fire Hydrant O/E		20,000
Telephone O/E		40,000
Gasoline O/E		30,000
TOTAL:	\$232,001.00	\$232,001.00

R-2 Authorizing Outstanding Credits on the Tax Collector 's Books for 20 20 to be Credited Back to Surplus

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Sargenti		X	X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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Resolution # R- 2

Carried: X Defeated:___ Tabled:___

Approved on Consent Agenda:___

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING OUTSTANDING CREDITS FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO BE CREDITED BACK TO SURPLUS
\$281,608.96**

WHEREAS, there are outstanding credits on the Tax Collector's books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2020; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that these credits be, the balance credited back to surplus in the amount of \$281,608.96 as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

R-3 Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Debts and Credits on the Tax Collector's Books for 20 20 in the Amount of \$10.00 and Less

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			

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Resolution # R- 3

Carried: X Defeated:___ Tabled:___

Approved on Consent Agenda:___

Sargenti		X	X			
Kasofsky			X			
Cervieri	X		X			

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF ALL DEBITS AND CREDITS OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) OR LESS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

WHEREAS, there are a number of outstanding debits & credits on the Tax Collector’s books for the period January 1 through December 31, 2020, in amounts of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that all debits & credits of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less be and are hereby canceled, as per listing kept in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer.

R-4 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Outstanding Open Checks in Various Accounts for 20 20

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Sargenti			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS TOTALING \$58,324.46 FOR THE YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, there remain checks outstanding on the Borough of Fort Lee’s banking records for 2020; and

WHEREAS, every attempt has been made by the Chief Financial Officer to have the checks cleared;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fort Lee, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following outstanding amounts in the various accounts (see attached schedule of voided checks for details), in the total amount of **\$58,324.46**

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Account	\$ 54,868.18
Payroll	\$ 3,456.28
<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>\$ 58,324.46</u>

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council deferred their report until the Annual Reorganization Meeting which started immediately after this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On motion by Council man Cervieri , seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky , and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed **on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky** .

The recessed meeting was adjourned **on motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky** and carried at 6:09 p.m.

Evelyn Rosario
Municipal Clerk

Constantina Reditis
Municipal Clerk's Office