

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2023, at 6:30 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 Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator
Evelyn Rosario, Municipal Clerk
Nadine Drumgoole, Deputy Municipal 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 duly published in the Record, the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of November 28, 2022. 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 Council woman Kasofsky and approved **unanimously**, the meeting moved into closed session.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that:
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. Department of Public Works
 - c. Emergency Medical Services
 - d. Health Department
 - e. Police Department

2. **Legal:**
 - a. Vacation of a Portion of Buckingham Road
 - b. Sidewalk Easement: 1637 Maple Street
 - c. Affordable Housing

3. **Contracts:**
 - a. Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC

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 7:33 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 7:34 P.M.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

2023 Easter Egg Hunt

An authorizing resolution will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Proposal: HDR Engineering Inc., for the Provision of Combined Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Services, \$222,339.00, or with Options \$249,256.00

Administrator Restaino reviewed the proposal submitted by HDR Engineering, Inc. regarding the provision of combined sewer overflow and stormwater services.

An authorizing resolution will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Acceptance of a \$95,000.00 Grant from Bergen County for Project Known as 10th Street Improvements

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Grant regarding the above captioned will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Proposal: Boswell Engineering for Professional Engineering Services Regarding the Roof and Window Repairs at the Fort Lee Volunteer Ambulance Corps, \$16,000.00

A resolution authoring the award of a contract to Boswell Engineering to provide professional engineering services for the roof and window replacement for Fort Lee Ambulance Corp Building will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Proposal: Boswell Engineering for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Main Street Park, \$40,000.00

A resolution authoring the award of a contract to Boswell Engineering to provide professional engineering services associated with the design of the proposed Main Street Park will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Change Order No. 1(Reduction): DLS Contracting, Inc., Improvements to Bluff Road, -\$50,869.15

The Governing Body reviewed the change order regarding the above project submitted by DLS Contracting.

An authorizing resolution will be placed on the proposed January 19th consent agenda.

Regulating Electric Bicycles

Administrator Restaino stated Councilwoman Kasofsky has requested the governing body review recent regulations established by surrounding municipalities regarding electric bicycles.

A resolution establishing regulations will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

New Jersey Department of Transportation Agreement for Edwin Avenue

*Councilman Drumgoole recused

Mayor Sokolich addressed the Governing Body regarding the NJ Department of Transportation concerns related to the safety and stability of the retaining wall at 2021 Fletcher Avenue. An agreement outlining the settlement terms has been provided by the NJ DOT and they have requested our concurrence as well.

A resolution authorizing execution of the above captioned agreement will be placed on the proposed January 19th regular session agenda.

Appointments: Fort Lee Office of Emergency Management Council

A resolution authorizing the appointments of Emergency Management Council will be placed on the proposed January 19th regular session agenda.

Application for a Used Car Lot License: 26 Motor Vans, LLC, 1696 Bergen Blvd.

The Borough Clerks Office received an application for the use of a used car lot at the above address.

A resolution will be placed on the proposed January 19th regular session agenda.

Application for a Gas Station License: Bergen Associates, LLC, formerly Issued to Palisade Petrol, LLC, 1300 Palisade Avenue

The Borough Clerks Office received an application for the above-mentioned existing gas station under a new owner.

Mr. Chewcaskie mentioned the current property owner is in receipt of summonses and violations.

The application will be held upon the dismissal of violations and summons.

Mayor’s Appointment: Housing Authority Vacancy Term Expiring December 31, 2024

Will further discuss at a future meeting.

Appointing Peter Lupo as the Borough’s Veterans Service Officer

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Peter Lupo as the Borough’s Veterans Service Officer will be placed on the January 19th proposed consent agenda.

Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc., Reappointment of Edwin Cohen and Jane Cho, Community Trustees and Appointment of Marc Perez, Community Trustee for Two Year Terms Expiring December 31, 2024

A resolution authorizing the reappointment of Edwin Cohen and Jane Cho, Community Trustees and the appointment of Marc Perez will be acted upon this evening.

RESOLUTION

R-1 REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY TRUSTEES TO THE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION NAMED THE FRIENDS OF FORT LEE FILM, INC.

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

January 12, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Resolution # R-1 Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u> </u> Tabled: <u> </u> Approved on Consent Agenda: <u> </u>
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPOINTING COMMUNITY TRUSTEES TO THE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION NAMED THE FRIENDS OF FORT LEE FILM, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee established a non-profit corporation pursuant to the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act, as set forth in Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes; known as Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc. is operated, exclusively for charitable, educational and philanthropic purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc. shall be managed by a Board of Trustees selected according to the procedures specified in the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc. By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in accordance with the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc. By-Laws, desires to reappoint Edwin Cohen and Jane Cho, as Community Trustees and Marc Perez as a Community Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Friends of Fort Lee Film, Inc. By-Laws, Edwin Cohen, and Jane Cho be reappointed as Community Trustees and Marc Perez be appointed as a Community Trustee for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On motion by Councilman Cervieri seconded by Councilman Suh and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

There being no public discussion the meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh, at 7:52 PM.

Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Prepared By:
Nadine Drumgoole
Deputy Municipal Clerk