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**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF FORT LEE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022, 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, Sargenti, Kasofsky

ABSENT Councilman 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 duly published in the Record, the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of November 12, 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 10, 2022, notifying the public that this meeting would be held remotely, same was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS:

On motion by Councilman Sargenti 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:
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. Municipal Court
 - e. Tax Collector

2. **Contracts:**
 - a. Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services

3. **Legal:**
 - b. Fort Lee Executive Park

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 6:56 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 6:56 P.M.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Telecommunications 5G Ordinance

Also Present Mr. Peter Lupo, Hoplight Communications, LLC

Mr Chewcaskie addressed the Governing Body and stated that he has reviewed the recommendations from Mr. Lupo, Hoplite Communications, regarding the establishment of regulations of wireless telecommunications facilities.

An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for the Amendment of the Code of the Borough of Fort Lee with the Replacement of Existing Ordinance Chapter 410 Zoning Article XV Antennas With a New Article XV Wireless Telecommunications Facilities" will be introduced at the February 17th regular session agenda.

Filming Ordinance

Administrator Restaino stated no ordinance has been in place and should be established. An ordinance establishing filming and photography and fees will be introduced at the February 17th regular session meeting.

Amendment to Chapter 156 Tree Removal and Replacement, Chapter 336 Sewers, Chapter 345 Site Plan and Chapter 410 Zoning

Borough Attorney Mr. Chewcaskie stated Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny, Hughes, LLC reviewed the current ordinance in place and suggested amending Chapter 156 Tree Removal and replacement, Chapter 336 Sewers, Chapter 345 Site Plan and Chapter 410 Zoning.

An ordinance amendment for the above captioned will be introduced at the February 17th regular session meeting.

Amendment to Chapter 193, Uniform Construction Code Increase Permit Fees

Administrator Restaino stated that Mr. Brian Ribarro, Construction Code Official has requested that Chapter 193 entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform” of the Borough Code be amended to reflect an increase in permit fees for the following:

Renovations, additions and repairs (commercial) \$75.00 for the first \$1,000, \$50.00 per \$1,000 thereafter.

Demolition fees: 1 and 2 Family Residential use, commercial or industrial use, \$500.00, 10,000 square feet \$1,200, Multiple Family \$1,000

Plumbing Subcode Fees: Sewers \$200.00

Electrical Subcode Fees: Service meter equipment greater than 1,000 amps \$1,000

An ordinance amendment for the above captioned will be introduced at the February 17th regular session meeting.

Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement Program Grant Award \$122,147.00

Administrator Restaino stated the Board of County Commissioners granted final approval to a Bergen County Trust Fund grant award for project known as Fort Lee Children’s Playground, west of Hudson Terrace.

A resolution will be placed on the February 17th agenda.

Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Developer’s Agreement Between the Borough and The Estate of Demetrios Stamboulos, 466 Jane Street

Mr. Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney reviewed the agreement, along with the required documents; certificate of liability, letter of credit and guarantees and has recommended the Governing Body authorize the execution of same.

A resolution authorizing the above developer's agreement regarding property known as 466 Jane Street will be placed on the February 17th agenda.

Employee Dental Wellness Program

A resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit fund will be placed on the February 17th agenda.

Proposal McNerney & Associates, Inc. for Analysis of Pending Tax Appeals, Not to Exceed \$12,500.00

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to McNearney and Associates Inc for the preparation of a tax appeal exposure analysis will be placed on the February 17th proposed consent agenda.

Revised Adoption of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

A resolution regarding adoption of the revised personnel policies and procedures will be placed on the February 17th proposed consent agenda.

Request to Permit the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, 2022

The Borough received a request on January 18, 2022, seeking permission to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 2nd, with a rain date of Sunday April 3rd.

An authorizing resolution will be placed on the February 17th proposed consent agenda.

Councilman Sohmer received a request from Mr. George Porto requesting to have the Memorial Day Parade as done in the past.

Street Vacation: Briar Way and Buckingham Road

Defer to the next meeting

Revision to the 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule

Administrator Restaino stated the Borough Clerk has requested that revisions be made to reflect a time change for the December 8th work session meeting to begin at 6:30 PM, and a date change for the March 24th regular session to be rescheduled to March 10th.

A resolution authorizing the revised 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule will be placed on the February 17th regular session agenda.

Authorize the Use of PropertyRoom.com for the Auction of Forfeited Items from the Police Department

The Police Department has requested the sale of items no longer in use on an online auction website, specifically Propertyroom.com as utilized in the past. A resolution authorizing Propertyroom.com will be placed on the February 17th regular session agenda.

ADD:

Award of an Emergency Contract/Purchase for forced Main Pipe Repair at the Bluff Road Pump Station

Administrator Restaino stated there was a break and leak in the forced main pump at the Bluff Road pump station

A resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract to J. Fletcher Creamer and Son will be placed on the February 17th regular session agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On motion by Councilman Suh, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky 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 Suh, seconded by Councilman Kasofsky, at 8:11 PM

Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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