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**AGENDA  
BOROUGH OF FORT LEE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022, at 5:30 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, Cervieri

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator  
Evelyn Rosario, Borough 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 12, 2021, and January 27, 2022. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

A time change and remote meeting notice was duly published in the Record and Jersey Journal on February 23, 2022, notifying the public that this meeting would be held remotely and commence at 5:30 PM, same was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS:**

**On motion by Council man Sohmer seconded by Councilman Sargenti** 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. Community Center
  - c. Department of Public Works
  - d. Police Department
  - e. Recreation Center
  - f. Tax Collector
  
2. **Legal:**
  - a. Affordable Housing
  - b. Tax Court Appeal Exposure Analysis

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 6:18P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 6:18 P.M.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

#### **Street Vacation: Briar Way and Buckingham Road**

Mr. Chewcaskie stated that he consulted with Kevin Boswell, Borough Engineer regarding the request from Joel M. Ellis, Esq, attorney for Horizon House requesting the borough consider vacating a portion of Buckingham Road/Briar Way. Boswell Engineering recommended to vacate the right of way but retain all subsurface rights and access to same for the entirety of the area being vacated.

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to authorize the vacation pursuant to Boswell's recommendation.

Mr. Chewcaskie will prepare an ordinance to be introduced at a future regular session agenda.

#### **Request: Road Closure Jassamine Way**

Administrator Restaino reviewed the request from Mr. Shehu Fitzgerald submitted February 18, 2022. An authorizing resolution will be placed on the proposed April 14<sup>th</sup> regular session agenda.

**Grant Acceptance: Senior Center HVAC COVID Upgrades \$21,300.00**

A resolution authorizing the Governing Body to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen, Division of Community Development for funding regarding project known as Senior Center HVAC COVID upgrades will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session amended agenda.

**2022 Respiratory Protection Plan**

Administrator Restaino received and reviewed a request submitted from OEM Director Bryan Drumgoole regarding the Boroughs Respiratory Protection Plan.

A resolution approving the above captioned will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session amended agenda.

**Establishment of the Green Team Advisory Committee**

A resolution approving the above captioned will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session amended agenda.

**2021 Budget Transfers**

A resolution authorizing 2021 budget transfers will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session amended agenda.

**Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Developer 's Agreement Between the Borough and 2053 Fletcher Associates, LLC, 2053 Fletcher Avenue**

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 will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> amended regular session agenda.

**Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Developer 's Agreement Between the Borough and M & J 730 LLC, 1629 Parker Avenue and 1624 Palisade Avenue**

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 will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> amended regular session agenda.

**Proposal: Spatial Data Logic, Inc., Software License Agreement**

Administrator Restaino reviewed the proposal submitted by Spatial data Logic, Inc. permitting the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau to perform functions electronically.

A resolution will be placed on a future regular session agenda.

**Proposal: L3Harris Technologies, Inc., Services Agreement**

Administrator Restaino reviewed the proposal submitted by L3 Harris Technologies, Inc. regarding the public safety radio maintenance services.

A resolution will be placed on a future regular session agenda.

**ADD:**

**Grant Acceptance: Jane and William Street Improvements \$104,937.00**

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Grant regarding the above captioned will be placed on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> regular session amended agenda.

Mayor Sokolich informed the Governing Body a 4k retail space located in Hudson Lights redevelopment area 5, will host a Ukrainian donation center beginning Saturday, March 5th. Tables to be established, volunteers needed and will be inundated with donation.

Mayor Sokolich received new metrics from Boswell Engineering regarding project known as Palisades Interstate Park and will present to Northbridge residents. Administrator Restaino also suggested to have the new metrics posted to the Borough Website.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

On motion by Councilman Cervieri 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 Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Kasofsky, at 6:27 PM

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Prepared By:

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