

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Regular 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, New Jersey.

PRESENT: Mayor Sokolich, Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

ABSENT: Councilman Paul Yoon
Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Al Restaino, Borough Administrator
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk
Daniel Langana, 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 issue of December 22, 2020 and the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of December 24, 2020. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and on the outside door of Borough Hall and the Borough website.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Welcome everyone, I get the feeling we are not here for a good reason but welcome this is the beginning of what we are hoping is a return to normalcy here in the Borough of Fort Lee. I am going to dispense of a long opening statement or a Mayor's Report as I want to get down to business and most importantly welcome the folks that have took the time to come here tonight. With that, make sure everyone checks our website, we are now 12 days that our borough hall has been open since we opened on June 2nd. On June 2nd our doors opened but that is not everything, the library is open but the Senior Center we are meeting with the county next week because that is subject to a different set of rules and regulations. And there are varying opening times so check with the website and make sure you keep up with Nixle and the openings will be presented to you. I am going to dispense until the end of the meeting with the balance of my comments so we can get right into the meeting and get down to business if we will but, again welcome to the council welcome to the public as this is our first meeting with the public here in 14 months. Circumstances notwithstanding it is good to see everyone."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 6, 2021, Work Session were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ord. #2021-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2 FORMATION AND RANK, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE (Public Hearing July 8, 2021)

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, and carried, Ord. #2021-13 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2 FORMATION AND RANK, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE” (Public Hearing July 8, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for **July 8, 2021**.

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ord. #2021-9 “BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,995,370 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,645,600 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Council woman Kasofsky, and carried, the public hearing was opened relative to Ord. #2021-9 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,995,370 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,645,600 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,995,370 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,645,600 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Fort Lee, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$6,995,370, such sum includes the sum \$349,770 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$6,645,600 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$6,645,600 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of

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bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
(a) Police Department			
1) Upgrades to 9-1-1 System, including first year maintenance plan for 9-1-1 System, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$408,070	\$387,665	10 Years
2) Redundant Firewall and Off Site Firewall Upgrade, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	200,000	190,000	10 Years
(b) General Services			
1) Renovations to various buildings, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	440,000	418,000	15 Years
2) Acquisition of maintenance tools, sewer camera, snakes, saw, F250 utility body w/plow, F250 single cab w/lift gate, utility body for F250 XLT and snow removal equipment (snow blower, shovels, quad upgrade), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	170,000	161,500	5 Years
(c) Health Department			
The acquisition of computer software and services, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	33,500	31,825	5 Years
(d) Barrymore Film Center and Museum			
Improvements to telephone system, video distribution, cameras, access control, network and infrastructure.	125,000	118,750	10 Years

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
(e) Information Technology			
1) Upgrades to telephone system for 4 fire houses and VAC, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	120,000	114,000	10 Years
2) Upgrades to server, personal computer, computer network, camera system, access control system, printers and copiers, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	110,000	104,500	5 Years

(f) Stage The acquisition of lighting fixtures and pixel lights, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	30,000	28,500	15 Years
(g) Radio 1) Replacing radio system infrastructure, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	2,100,000	1,995,000	10 Years
2) The acquisition of ADA compliant crosswalk push buttons for 2 intersections w/signs and traffic light intersection upgrades, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	32,000	30,400	10 Years
(h) Administration Park improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental.	440,000	418,000	15 Years
(i) Fire Prevention The acquisition of a sport utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	40,000	38,000	5 Years
(j) Fire Department 1) The acquisition of bail out system gear, fire fighter protective equipment and thermal imaging cameras including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto	253,000	240,350	5 Years
	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
Improvements 2) The acquisition of apparatus exhaust systems and air compressor, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	182,800	173,660	15 Years
(k) OEM The acquisition of a sport utility vehicle with radio, lights and siren, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	45,000	42,750	5 Years
(l) Ambulance The acquisition of a sport utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	40,000	38,000	5 Years
(m) Department of Public Works 1) The acquisition of a sewer jet and sweeper, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto	716,000	680,200	15 Years
2) Completion of construction of a Vehicle Maintenance Shop, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	165,000	156,750	15 Years
3) Acquisition of pick-up trucks, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	175,000	166,250	5 Years

4). Various road improvements, all as set forth on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	380,000	361,000	10 Years
5). Pump station renovations, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	710,000	674,500	20 Years
6). Sign update project, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	27,500	26,125	10 Years

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
7). Lighting replacement in the Public Works building and acquisition of a Toro ground master, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	52,500	49,875	5 Years
TOTAL	\$6,995,370	\$6,645,600	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$6,645,600.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$6,995,370 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor and the Grant is the amount of the Down Payment for each purpose.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.76 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$6,645,600 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$300,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$6,645,600.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh, the Ordinance was **adopted** on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

ORD. #2021-10 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 388, SECTIONS 14 AND 69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES " (Removal 200 Virginia Avenue))

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried, Ord. #2021- 10 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 388, SECTIONS 14 AND 69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES" (Removal 200 Virginia Avenue)

Ord. #2021-10 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 388, SECTIONS 14 AND 69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES " (Removal 200 Virginia Avenue)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 388, SECTIONS 14 AND 69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE as follows:

Section I: Chapter 388, Section 69, Schedule XXIII, is hereby amended and supplemented so as to **delete** the following as a handicapped parking space:

(rrrr) 200 Virginia Avenue

Starting at the apex of Palisade Avenue and Virginia Avenue progress 52 feet west on the south curb line of Virginia Avenue then extending another 22 feet for a total of 74 feet.

Section II: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; should any part, portion or provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other part, portion or provision thereof.

Section III: In the event on any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Fort Lee, the provisions hereof shall be deemed to govern. All other parts, portions, and provisions of Chapter 388 are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent herewith.

Section IV: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publications according to law.

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Council woman Kasofsky, the Ordinance was **adopted** on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

Ord. #2021-11 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 289 PARKING, SECTION 34 REGULATIONS CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOTS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried, Ord. #2021-11 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 289 PARKING, SECTION 34 REGULATIONS CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOTS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE”

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 289 PARKING, SECTION 34 REGULATIONS CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 289 Parking, Article IV Parking Meters, Municipal Parking Lots and Permit Parking, Section 34 Regulations concerning municipal lot, is hereby amended as follows:

Section A. That the current text of Chapter 289-34 Regulations concerning municipal lot, specifically Section A. is hereby replaced and amended to add language to language amend description and add new locations follows:

Add “garage”

289-34 Regulations concerning Municipal parking lot/**garage**

Amend Description:

- A. Installation of parking meters, pay-and-display meters or permit parking only authorized. The Parking Authority of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to provide for permit parking only, to install parking meters or pay-and-display meters in the following municipal parking lots **and/or any garage owned or managed by the Authority.**

Add New Locations:

289-34 A (12) Municipal Garage located at 231 Main Street

289-34 A (13) 40 Garage parking spaces managed by the Authority and located in the garage of 100 Park Ave (Entrance on Main St).

This ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner provided by law.

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman S argenti, the Ordinance was adopted on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

Ord. #2021-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 55, FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO AMEND SECTION 55-31, RELEASE WORK TIME TO COMPLETE TRAINING

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried, Ord. #2021-12 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 55, FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO AMEND SECTION 55-31, RELEASE WORK

TIME TO COMPLETE TRAINING”

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 55, FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO AMEND SECTION 55-31, RELEASE WORK TIME TO COMPLETE TRAINING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 55, Fire Department, of the Code of the Borough of Fort Lee is hereby amended and supplemented, for the purpose of encouraging the increase of membership of the Borough of Fort Lee Volunteer Fire Department, by the addition of Section 55-31 “Release Work Time to Complete Training” as set forth below:

55-31 RELEASE WORK TIME TO COMPLETE TRAINING

- A. At the sole discretion of the Borough Administrator, any Borough employee who is a Regular Member or Auxiliary Member of the Fort Lee Volunteer Fire Department and who is employed by the Borough as a full-time or part-time employee, may request, through the Fire Chief, for a grant of paid release work time to complete required Firefighter training course pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.2.
- B. The Borough Administrator shall exercise his or her discretion based upon his or her determination that the grant of paid release work time is consistent with the maintenance, efficiency, and continuity of official governmental operations. The Borough Administrator shall have the sole discretion to grant, deny, or reschedule the request for release work time with pay to complete Firefighter One, Firefighter Two, and any of the courses required to be a Line Officer or Chief Officer within the Fort Lee Fire Department. To ensure office coverage, approvals shall be limited to no more than four (4) individuals per Borough Department per class.
- C. Additionally, semi-independent agencies of the Borough of Fort Lee may adopt this provision or may participate in this paid work release time program insofar as their respective Board of Directors may allow. However, the actual grant of paid release work time to obtain training as Firefighter One, Firefighter Two, and any of the courses required to be a Line Officer or Chief Officer within the Fort Lee Fire Department shall also require the consent of the Fort Lee Borough Administrator.
- D. In the event that any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner provided by law.

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman S argenti, the Ordinance was **adopted** on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Councilman Sohmer, the Proposed Consent Agenda was introduced, and the public hearing was opened relative to items CA-1 through CA-3 and CA-5 through CA-25.

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

June 17, 2021 Regular Session Meeting Resolution # CA-1 to CA-3 and CA-5 to CA-25 Carried: ___ Defeated: ___ Tabled: ___ Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>X</u>
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CA-1 Payment of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED that the following claims, the details for which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby authorized to be paid, having been audited and found correct by the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Current	\$13,289,136.44	
Current - Grant	2,517.10	
Capital	138,147.78	
Road Improvement Plan		
Multiple Dwelling		
Construction Fees		
COAH Fees		
Senior Citizen Advisory Council		
Trip Admissions		
Special Dog Account		
Trust Account Fund	1,936.40	
Disability Insurance Trust		
Public Assistance Trust Fund		
Police Activity Trust		
Fort Lee Film Commission		
Community Development		
Redemption Account	1,919,315.02	School
Resource Account		
Dedicated Penalties (Fire Prevention)		
POAA		
Cop Card Donation		
Police Treasury	2,210.00	
Police Justice		
Flexible Spending		
Trust Account		
Developers CONNECT ONE	142,712.18	
Developers B of America	23,006.77	
Total:	\$ 15,518,981.69	

CA-2 Approving Jr. Membership Firefighter Applications for Dean Park , Fire Company # 2 and Auxiliary Membership Firefighter Application for Juan Delgado, Fire Company # 4

The Jr. Firefighter Membership Applications for Dean Park, Fire Company #2 and Auxiliary Membership Firefighter, Juan Delgado, Fire Company #4 were approved.

CA-3 Accepting Retirement Notice of Police Officer John Ordonez Effective July 1 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT NOTICE OF POLICE OFFICER JOHN ORDONEZ

BE IT RESOLVED that **Police Officer John Ordonez** , of the **Police Department**, has submitted his retirement notice dated June 1, 2021 and the Mayor and Council have accepted same; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Police Officer Ordonez retirement will be **effective July 1, 2021** with the Borough of Fort Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their best wishes to Police Officer Ordonez.

CA-5 Authorizing the Hiring of Various Summer Seasonal Employees in the Community Center Through August 31, 2021, \$15.00 Hourly

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SUMMER SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the hiring of summer seasonal employees; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below listed individuals will be hired as summer seasonal employees in the Department listed, with an effective date provided by the Department Head to our Payroll Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said individuals be paid at an hourly rate as stipulated below, **effective Summer 2021 season through August 31, 2021** ;

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	HOURLY RATE:
Ashman, Christopher	Supervisor	Community Center	\$15.00
Jaikissoon, Eric	Supervisor	Community Center	\$15.00
Khatchadourian, Natalie	Supervisor	Community Center	\$15.00
Nannas, Dimitri	Supervisor	Community Center	\$15.00
Puma, Joseph	Supervisor	Community Center	\$15.00

CA-6 Authorizing the Hiring of Various Summer Seasonal Employees in the Recreation Center Through August 31, 2021, \$11.10 - \$15.00 Hourly

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SUMMER SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the hiring of summer seasonal employees; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below listed individuals will be hired as summer seasonal employees in the Department listed, with an effective date provided by the Department Head to our Payroll Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said individuals be paid at an hourly rate as stipulated below, **effective June 28, 2021 through August 31, 2021** ;

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	HOURLY RATE:
Adorno, Sarah	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Ahmed, Amanda	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10

Altaouil, Juri	Counselor Tennis Attendant/Pool	Recreation	\$11.10
Asharian, Laudan	Attendant Tennis Attendant/Pool	Recreation	\$15.00
Ashman, Christopher	Attendant Camp Director/Pool	Recreation	\$15.00
Berlingo, Joseph	Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Brito, Brandon	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Caldes, Lindsay	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Cheung, Connor	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Clarke, Isabella	Counselor Tennis Attendant/Pool	Recreation	\$11.10
DeGidio, Ashley	Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Diaz, Amy	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Diaz, Faith	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Doda, Mateusz	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Dragomirov, Debora	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Dragomirov, Sofia	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Fernandez, Sol	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Fornes, Destinee	Site Leader	Recreation	\$15.00
Gathers, Savannah	Counselor/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Harewood, Vernice	Counselor/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Hattem, Ella	Counselor/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Ho, Ethan	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Iqbal, Fardeen	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Iqbal, Farzeen	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Kaplan, Preston	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Katjomuise, Kyle	Counselor Site Leader/Tennis	Recreation	\$11.10
Kellas, Kim	Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Khatchadourian, Natalie	Tennis Attendant/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Kino, Miori	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Lee, Katelyn	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Lee, Noah	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Lopez, Rossana	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Manoukian, Christian	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Mesa, Pamela	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Micali, Lexi	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Mok, Vincent	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Morell, Samuel	Counselor/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Motiani, Arik	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Nadal, Hannah	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Nannas, Dimitri	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Nestorson, Julianna	Counselor/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Papavasiliou, Ava	Counselor Site Leader, Tennis	Recreation	\$11.10
Pappas, Constantina	Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Rana, Adrian	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Rana, Andrew	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Rendon, Melissa	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Rodriquez, Lisa Marie	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Rodriquez, James	Counselor Site Leader/Pool	Recreation	\$11.10
Rosa, Shaina	Attendant/Tennis Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Rosado, Anthony	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Samuel-Olagunju,	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00

Joanne			
Schulman, Dylan	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Sirotsky, Alyson	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Stanczyk, Christopher	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Stomber, Robert	Site Leader/Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$15.00
Villanueva, Giancarlo	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Ware, Joshua	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10
Yeandle, Connor	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Yu, Enzo	Pool Attendant	Recreation	\$11.10
Yun, Julia	Counselor	Recreation	\$11.10

CA-7 Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Seasonal Employees in the Stage/Event Crew Department Through December 31, 2021, \$10.00 Hourly

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the hiring of part-time seasonal employees; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below listed individuals will be hired as part-time seasonal employees in the Department listed, with an effective date provided by the Department Head to our Payroll Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said individuals be paid at an hourly rate as stipulated below, **effective June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021** ;

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	HOURLY RATE:
Soliman, Romie	Events Crew	Stage	\$10.00
Soliman, Hisham	Events Crew	Stage	\$10.00

CA-8 Authorizing the Submission of a New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application for Project Known as Reconstruction of Harvard Place \$135,000.00

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HARVARD PLACE PROJECT

WHEREAS , a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for the Harvard Place Project has been proposed by the Borough of Fort Lee, and

WHEREAS , it has been determined that the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Fort Lee, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Improvements to Harvard Place - 00315 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Borough of Fort Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Borough Administrator, and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Fort Lee and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

CA-9 Authorizing the Employee Assistance Program Agreement Between the Borough of Fort Lee and The County of Bergen, Effective Retroactively from January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021, \$5,341.00

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Employees Assistance Program, hereinafter referred to as the "BCEAP", a program implemented by the County for the purpose of dealing with employees having personal problems, including alcoholism, having its office located at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601-7076; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health Services and the Department of Health and Senior Services of the State of New Jersey have expressed a major concern for the development of Employee Assistance Program services for municipal governments, and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Employees Assistance Program staff is fully qualified to perform the Substance Abuse Professional function as specified by the Federal Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee has expressed its desire to have the services of the BCEAP made available to its employees for the period retroactively from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Fort Lee agrees to pay a fee for the BCEAP services for Year 2021 \$5,341.00.

CA-10 Confirming Funding for the New Construction of a 120 Unit Senior Housing Development, Senior Center and Parking Garage at 319 Main Street

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONFIRMING FUNDING FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A 120 UNIT SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, SENIOR CENTER AND PARKING GARAGE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee is the owner of certain land commonly known as 319 Main Street (Lots 7,18,19 and 20 Block 4601) in the Borough of Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough of Fort Lee to utilize this property for affordable senior citizen housing purposes together with a senior center and parking garage; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the Housing Development Corporation of Bergen County ("HDC"), the non-profit real estate development arm of the Housing Authority of Bergen County, will develop the affordable senior citizen housing and senior center and parking garage; and

WHEREAS, HDC will be applying to New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency ("NJHMFA") to secure permanent conduit bond financing in the estimated amount of \$19,000,000 and 4% federal low income housing tax credits which will generate an estimated \$20,333,888 in tax credit equity; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code requires residential units available to the general public, HDC can undertake marketing efforts to help provide some preference for existing Fort Lee residents; and

WHEREAS, HDC has determined that to support the aforementioned NJHMFA

funding, at least \$13,100,000 in Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Monies would be required to help fund both the new senior community center and parking garage and the affordable senior citizen development. Current estimates target \$4,600,000 for the Senior Center and Parking Garage and \$8,500,000 for the Affordable Senior Development; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently has \$5,654,190.67 in its Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Fort Lee is authorized to execute all such documents as are necessary to:

- 1) Set aside a total of \$13,100,000 from current and future Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Funds for the financing the construction of the new senior community center, parking garage and the affordable senior housing at 319 Main Street;
- 2) Of the \$13,100,000, the Borough hereby confirms to NJHMFA that up to \$8,500,000 will be available to support the financing of the affordable senior housing.

CA-11 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Fort Lee and the Borough of Leonia for Improved Radio Communications for Fire and Other Public Safety Purposes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA FOR IMPROVED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR FIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Fire Chief of the Borough of Fort Lee that a shared service with the Borough of Leonia be entered into for public safety purposes as the agreement will result in an enhanced communication system which will better meet the respective needs of the Boroughs and will improve routine as well as emergency public-safety related communications between the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been assessed by the Borough Administrators of the Borough of Fort Lee and the Borough of Leonia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the shared service agreement for improved radio communications be entered into with the Borough of Leonia for the period of one year with the ability to renew for one additional, consecutive year.

CA-12 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for Road Resurfacing Projects

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen maintains and controls approximately 450 miles of County roads; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the County roads requires periodic resurfacing for the benefit of the drivers and residents of Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Public Works performs this resurfacing through periodic Road Resurfacing Projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Road Resurfacing Projects require cooperation and coordination between the County and the seventy municipalities in which the County roads are located; and

WHEREAS, a formal agreement between the County of Bergen and the seventy municipalities in which the County will undertake road resurfacing activities will serve to memorialize the respective responsibilities of the County and the municipality in connection with a Road Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(1) states, in part, that "[a]ny local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide, or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction;" and

WHEREAS, the County and the seventy municipalities within Bergen County are "local units" under N.J.S.A. 40:65-4(a)(l), authorized to enter into shared services agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 seq.; and

WHEREAS, County Counsel has, with the input of the Department of Public Works (Supervisor of Roads) and the Department of Planning and Engineering (County Engineer), prepared a form of shared services agreement for execution between the County of Bergen and each municipality in which the County will carry out its Road Resurfacing Project, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Counsel of the Borough of Fort Lee, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution as if set forth at length herein.
2. The Mayor and Council hereby approve and authorize the execution of a shared services agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and the County of Bergen in which the County will be performing a Road Resurfacing Project, in substantially the form annexed hereto.
3. The Mayor of the Borough of Fort Lee, Mark J. Sokolich is hereby authorized to execute a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen in substantially the form annexed hereto.

CA-13 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for the ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Program

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE ADA COOPERATIVE CURB RAMP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen maintains and controls approximately 450 miles of County roads; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) mandate that public sidewalks at intersections provide, at a minimum: depressed curb cuts, detectable warning surfaces and a landing area at all crosswalk locations as designated by the County Engineer or his designee; and

WHEREAS, public sidewalks, including handicap ramps, are a municipal responsibility in as much as the County's road responsibility is limited to improved road areas from curb face to curb face as set forth in N.J.S.A. 27:16-8; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to assist municipalities with their obligation to comply with NJDOT and Federal ADA regulations on County roadways by dedicating a portion of the County's New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Aid funds for the design and inspection of ADA improvements, as designated by the County Engineer or his designee, on County roads; and .

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 e! seq.) promotes the broad use of shared services to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County and the seventy municipalities within Bergen County are "local units" under N.J.S.A 40:65-4(a)(1), authorized to enter into shared services agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 g! seq.; and

WHEREAS, County Counsel has, with the input of the Department of Public Works (Supervisor of Roads) and the Department of Planning and Engineering (County Engineer), prepared a form of agreement for execution between the County of Bergen and each municipality in which the County will carry out its ADA Curb Ramp program, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Counsel of the Borough of Fort Lee, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution as if set forth at length herein.
2. The Mayor and Council hereby approve and authorize the execution of a shared services agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and the County of Bergen in which the County will be performing ADA Ramp construction, in substantially the form annexed hereto.
3. The Mayor of the Borough of Fort Lee, Mark J. Sokolich is hereby authorized to execute a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen in substantially the form annexed hereto.

CA-14 Authorizing a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021 the governing body of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Fort Lee

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor, Mark J. Sokolich is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CA-15 Authorizing Change Order No. 1, \$17,424.00 Regarding the Purchase of Three Fire Trucks from Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FIRE TRUCKS FROM SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS, LLC

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough's negotiations with Seagrave Fire Apparatus for the purchase of three (3) fire trucks, the Borough Administrator is recommending approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$17,424.00 for several additional items in accordance with the revised sales order, which represents a 0.88% increase of the original contract price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue Change Order #1 to Seagrave Fire Apparatus LLC in accordance with the revised sales order.

CA-16 Authorizing Change Order No. 1, \$336.20 to the Contract Awarded to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. Regarding Project Known as Construction of Improvements to Jones Road

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO JONES ROAD

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020 the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee authorized the award of a contract to D.L.S Contracting, Inc. ("D.L.S.") in the amount of \$217,377.50 for the construction of improvement to Jones Road; and

WHEREAS, "D.L.S." has submitted a change order reflecting a decrease to the contract in the amount of \$336.20 due to adjustments to the quantities of the materials used for the of the project: and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has reviewed and recommended said change order as submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee that said change order be and is hereby approved.

CA-17 Authorizing Change Order No. 1, \$336.20 to the Contract Awarded to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. Regarding Project Known as Construction of Improvements to Jones Road

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994 C. 72

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee had a public hearing regarding its scheduled budget adoption on May 20, 2021 and the Bergen County Board of Taxation maybe unable to certify Fort Lee's tax rate at this time and the Borough of Fort Lee Tax Collector may be unable to mail the Borough's 2021 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee Tax Collector/Fort Lee Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and he has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on this the 3rd day of June, 2021 as follows:

1. The Fort Lee Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Fort Lee for the Third Installment of 2021 taxes. The Tax Collector shall take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c. 72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3)

2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2021 is hereby set at **\$162,647,937.00**.

3. In accordance with the law the Third Installment of 2021 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

CA-18 Approving a Request from Cross River Bank to Hold a Street Fair on July 22, 2021 on Linwood Avenue Between Kelby Street and Bridge Plaza North

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING A REQUEST FROM CROSS RIVER BANK TO HOLD A STREET FAIR ON JULY 22, 2021 ON LINWOOD AVENUE BETWEEN KELBY STREET AND BRIDGE PLAZA NORTH

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021 the Borough of Fort Lee received a request from Cross River Bank to host a Street Fair for the community and its employees on July 22, 2021 on; and

WHEREAS, the Cross River Street Fair is scheduled to be held on Linwood Avenue, between Kelby Street and Bridge Plaza North between the hours of 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with set up beginning at 9:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, this event will occur with no cost to the Borough and that no additional staff would be needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, grants permission to Cross River Bank to hold a street fair on July 22, 2021 on Linwood Avenue, between Kelby Street and Bridge Plaza North.

CA-19 Approving a Request from The Saint Rocco Society of Fort Lee to Permit the 92nd Annual Saint Rocco Feast From August 4, 2021 Through August 8, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE SAINT ROCCO SOCIETY OF FORT LEE TO PERMIT THE

92nd ANNUAL SAINT ROCCO FEAST

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee received a request from the Saint Rocco Society of Fort Lee to permit the 92nd annual Saint Rocco Feast; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Rocco Feast is scheduled from Wednesday, August 4, 2021 through Sunday, August 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, funds raised by this event are donated to people, organizations and communities in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, grants permission for the 92nd annual Saint Rocco Feast to be held in Fort Lee from August 4, 2021 through August 8, 2021.

CA-20 Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 24, 2021 Through June 6, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 24 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2021

WHEREAS, there were 585 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2020; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 24 - June 6, 2021 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 90.23% to 93%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be is resolved that June 17, 2021 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee declares it's support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 24 - June 6, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

CA-21 Authoring the Issuance of a Used Car Lot License to Michael Acciardi for Business Known as Big Auto Sales, Fort Lee, LLC, 1696 Bergen Blvd, Expiring December 31, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING A USED CAR LOT LICENSE TO MICHAEL ACCIARDI TRADING AS "BIG A AUTO SALES FORT LEE "

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Acciardi trading as Big A Auto Sales ("Big A") has submitted an application for the issuance of a used car lot license at the location of 1696 Bergen Blvd: and

WHEREAS, "Big A" has provided supporting documentation relative to the issuance of a used car lot license and has paid the appropriate fees as required in accordance with Chapter 289, Article III of the Borough Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee, does hereby approve the issuance a Used Car Lot license to Michael Acciardi trading as Big A Auto Sales effective June 17, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

CA-22 Authorizing the Renewal of Various Liquor Licenses for Licensing Term July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES FOR LICENSING TERM JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses, Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses, Hotel/Motel Licenses and Club Licenses for the "**2021-2022**" licensing period be renewed and issued to each of the applicants listed below for the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages.

LICENSE#	LICENSE	TRADE NAME
0219-31-054-002	Fort Lee Athletic Club	
0219-31-057-001	Hook & Ladder Co. #3	
0219-32-027-007	Franco B. Inc.	Franco's Metro Restaurant
0219-33-001-012	Angry Chick LLC	NY Wing Factory
0219-33-002-003	West 99th Street Corp	Aiello's Hilltop Motel and Lounge
0219-33-004-010	Tang Two Corporation	Tang Two Fusion Cuisine
0219-33-005-005	SWL Enterprise, Inc.	Taste 1080
0219-33-010-008	Sunbichon Restaurant Inc.	Masil House
0219-33-012-003	Fort Lee BCD Inc.	BCD Tofu House
0219-33-013-014	YK II, Inc.	Raku Izakaya
0219-33-016-007	NTN Brothers Corp.	Chillers Grill
0219-33-019-009	GN Restaurant Corp.	Gayeon Restaurant
0219-33-020-009	200 Acquisition Corp., LLC	Ventanas on the Green
0219-33-022-008	JJ Bada Operating Corp.	Bada Story
0219-33-024-003	Stuni, Inc	Hirams
0219-33-025-006	2020 Central Road Liquor, LLC	
0219-33-026-004	DCH Fort Lee Inc.	Dong Chun Hong
0219-33-028-011	Moon Sook Kim	Jumong Restaurant, Inc.
0219-33-030-006	DB Restaurant Corp.	Oh Bahm Pocha
0219-33-033-011	Nampo LLC	
0219-33-034-004	Slumber Inc.	Holiday Inn - GWB
0219-33-036-014	IPIC Theaters, LLC	IPIC Theaters, City Perch, IPIC Entertainment
0219-33-037-004	Kura Sushi USA Inc	Kura Revolving Sushi Bar
0219-33-041-015	EJH Enterprises, LLC (Inactive)	
0219-33-042-011	Cuba 57, Inc.	Kuba
0219-33-043-008	Nanajang Corp.	In Napoli
0219-33-044-009	Song of the Son, Inc.	The Meat Bros
0219-33-046-012	Go Food, Inc.	Obaltan
0219-33-048-018	Han's Bar & Grill, LLC	Gopchang Bar & Grill
0219-33-049-003	Gam Mee Ok, Inc	
0219-33-050-006	Hodong Group, LLC	Healing Karaoke
0219-33-052-010	Palisadium Oiso Group, Inc.	Oiso BBQ Pit
0219-36-062-004	Fort Lee Hotel Management. Inc	Doubletree Fort Lee Inc
0219-36-063-001	Sapthagiri Hospitality, LLC	Hyatt Place
0219-44-009-004	2450 Lemoine Avenue, LLC	Quench Wines & Spirits

0219-44-011-007	H & N Liquor World	Liquor World
0219-44-014-004	Bella Ashton, Corp.	Banner Liquor III
0219-44-015-006	Sobia LLC	
0219-44-023-007	ACME Markets, Inc	ACME
0219-44-029-011	Fairway Market, Inc.	Fairway Market Gift Baskets
0219-44-031-009	Linwood Wines & Liquors Inc	
0219-44-035-007	Leeson Enterprises, LLC	Linwood Wines & Liquor Company Hudson Lights
0219-44-038-004	K&S Drug & Surgical Inc.	Junction Drugs
0219-44-039-007	Gulf Express, Inc	
0219-44-051-006	BK Fort Lee, Inc.	Good Nature Fort Lee Market HMart
0219-44-060-014	The Hudson Wine Market Inc	

CA-23 Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License No. 0219-33-006-012 Jabadou Inc. T/A Soho The Beer Spot and Grill, 2027 Lemoine Avenue for Licensing Term July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE 0219-33-006-012, JABADOU INC., t/a SOHO THE BEER SPOT AND GRILL, 2027 LEMOINE AVENUE FOR THE LICENSING YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, Jabadou, Inc. t/a Soho The Beer Spot and Grill, (“Soho”) is the owner and was the holder of a plenary retail consumption liquor license for property located at 2027 Lemoine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Soho has applied to the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee (“Fort Lee”) for the renewal of the liquor license for the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Soho has taken appropriate measures to significantly improve their operations and to minimize the negative impacts that were previously prevalent; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reviewed the previously imposed special conditions and has recommended that they be removed with the understanding that they can be reinstated if the acts that caused the initial conditions return; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that plenary retail consumption license 0219-33-006-012, Jabadou Inc., t/a Soho The Beer Spot and Grill, 2027 Lemoine Avenue, for the licensing year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be renewed.

CA-24 Authoring the Renewal of Liquor License No. 0219-33-008-012 R & D Fort Lee Liquor, LLC Pocket License for Licensing Term July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0219-33-008-012 “R & D FORT LEE LIQUOR, LLC ” (POCKET LICENSE) FOR LICENSING TERM JULY 1, 20 21 - JUNE 30, 2022 SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 GRANTED

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License be granted to R & D Fort Lee Liquor, LLC, license number 0219-33-008-012 effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation has provided Tax Clearance Certificate for said license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Division Alcoholic Beverage Control has reviewed the Special Ruling (N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39) petition submitted by R & D Fort Lee Liquor, LLC, and has considered all the facts and circumstances related to the inactive status of this license and has determined that the licensee has established good cause in accordance with the statutory requirements to warrant an application for renewal of license number 0219-33-008-012 for the July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 license term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Fort Lee that the license be and is hereby renewed for the licensing period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

CA-25 Authorizing the Submission of a Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Project Known as Palisades Interstate Park \$500,000.00

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs through the Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program for approximately \$500,000.00 to carry out the Palisades Interstate Park project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Fort Lee:

- 1) Does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Mayor Mark J. Sokolich

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh. The Consent Agenda regarding CA-1 through CA-3 and CA-5 through CA-25 was approved on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, Resolution CA-4 was introduced, and the public hearing was opened relative to item CA-4.

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky. Resolution CA-4 was approved on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

CA-4 Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement with Deputy Police Chief Daniel Zusi Effective Retroactively to January 1, 2020

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

June 17, 2021
Regular Session Meeting

Resolution # CA- 4

Carried: X Defeated: Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF DANIEL ZUSI

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) and Deputy Police Chief Daniel Zusi have negotiated the terms and conditions of an Employment Agreement, a copy of which will be available in the office of the Borough Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough hereby designate Mayor Mark J. Sokolich to execute the said mutually agreeable Employment Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Employment Agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and Deputy Police Chief Zusi, effective retroactively to January 1, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 Authorizing the Tax Appeal Attorney to Finalize Tax Appeal Settlement Entitled TDC Fort Lee, LLC C/O Tucker Development Co. v. Borough of Fort Lee Regarding Properties Known as 165-177 Main Street, 245 Park Avenue, 2030 Hudson Street, 185-189 Main Street and 2023 Hudson Street

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

Junr 17, 2021
Regular Session Meeting

Resolution # R-1

Carried: X Defeated: Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS AND TAX PETITIONS ENTITLED “TDC FORT LEE, LLC C/O TUCKER DEVELOPMENT CO. V. BOROUGH OF FORT LEE”

WHEREAS , TDC Fort Lee, LLC c/o Tucker Development Co. is the owner and/or taxpayer of properties located at:

- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0001 (“Retail”), also known as 165-177 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey;

- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0002 (“Parking Garage”), also known as 245 Park Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey;
- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0003 (“Residential”), also known as 2030 Hudson Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey;
- Block 4851.01, Lot 1, Qualifier C0004 (“Retail”), also known as 185-189 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey; and
- Block 4851.01, Lot 1, Qualifier C0005 (“IPIIC Theater”), also known as 2023 Hudson Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer has filed property tax appeals against the Borough of Fort Lee for tax years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 in matters entitled TDC Fort Lee, LLC c/o Tucker Development Co. v. Borough of Fort Lee, presently pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer has also filed petitions with the Bergen County Board of Taxation for tax year 2021 in a matter entitled TDC Fort Lee, LLC c/o Tucker Development Co. v. Borough of Fort Lee, presently pending before the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Tax Appeal Attorney and the Borough Appraiser that the matters be settled at this time, and that such settlement is in the best interests of the Borough, subject (1) the taxpayer’s withdrawal of all tax appeals pending in Tax Court in exchange for reductions, as set forth herein, for the 2021 tax year; (2) application of N.J.S.A. 54:3-26 (the Freeze Act”) for tax years 2022 and 2023 provided the properties identified herein does not undergo substantial modifications of a municipal-wide revaluation and (3) taxpayer’s stipulation (as part of the settlement) not to seek further reductions as to the subject property’s 2022 or 2023 assessment except to enforce the provisions of the Freeze Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the Tax Appeal Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to finalize the settlement of the matters entitled TDC Fort Lee, LLC c/o Tucker Development Co. v. Borough of Fort Lee, so that the assessments on the properties for tax years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 remain intact; and for tax year 2021 the assessments are adjusted as follows:

- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0001, from \$44,000,000 to \$28,540,000;
- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0002, from \$13,542,100 to \$1,500,000;
- Block 4851.03, Lot 1, Qualifier C0003, the assessment of \$82,000,000 is affirmed and remains intact;
- Block 4851.01, Lot 1, Qualifier C0004, from \$20,000,000 to \$12,960,000; and
- Block 4851.01, Lot 1, Qualifier C0005, from \$17,000,000 to \$11,000,000; resulting in an estimated tax credit of \$976,659.19, calculated using the 2020 tax rate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body acknowledges the settlement is subject to a Freeze in the 2022 and 2023 assessments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid settlement is predicated upon a waiver of any and all pre-judgment interest by the taxpayer, as long as credit/refund is made within ninety (90) days of the issuance of a Judgment(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall keep a copy of this

Resolution on file and available for inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor; Business Administrator; Borough Attorney and Borough Tax Assessor.

R-2 Authorizing the Cancellation of Various Borough Developer 's Escrow Accounts
Totaling \$39.21

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

June 17, 2021 Regular Session Meeting Resolution # R-2 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 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH DEVELOPER 'S ESCROW ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, certain Developer's ESCROW account balances remain in the Borough of Fort Lee Developers ESCROW Bank Accounts and the purposes for which they were needed are no longer necessary or needed.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Fort Lee desires to cancel the following Developer's ESCROW balances to the Borough Current Account as MRNA, Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated.

Connect One Bank

Account:	BALANCE:
00017400003	\$0.07
00111009422	\$1.15
00111009771	\$0.63
00115001786	\$0.05
00115001834	\$0.04
00115001948	\$1.17
00115001972	\$4.33
00115002007	\$1.69
00115002015	\$8.62
00115002048	\$1.33
00115002153	\$0.75
00115002234	\$0.34
00115002291	\$0.88
00115002380	\$2.54
00115002397	\$0.72

Connect One Bank (cont.)

Account:	BALANCE:
01001000106	\$1.22
01001000221	\$0.05
01001000379	\$0.95
01001002946	\$0.35
01001003001	\$1.58
01600000135	\$2.75
01600000630	\$1.91
TOTAL:	\$33.12

Bank of America

Account:	BALANCE:
50488	\$0.85
50489	\$0.04
50528	\$0.91
50842	\$0.68
50860	\$0.02
50862	\$2.01
50902	\$1.58
TOTAL:	\$6.09
 GRAND TOTAL:	 \$39.21

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, New Jersey that the Developer’s ESCROW accounts in the amount of \$39.21 be canceled to the Borough Current Account as MRNA, Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Sohmer - In light of all the members of the public present, Councilman Sohmer has decided to dispense his council reports for this evening.

Councilman Suh- He reminded everyone the schools are closing on Wednesday June 23rd, High School graduation will be held on the 23rd, the Middle School graduation will be held on the 22nd. Councilman Suh has decided to dispense the remainder of his council report for this evening.

Councilman Sargenti - Councilman Sargenti has decided to dispense his council reports for this evening.

Councilwoman Kasofsky - The library is open and computer use has resumed which may be hopeful for members in our audience this evening. Councilwoman Kasofsky has decided to dispense the remainder of her council reports for this evening.

Councilman Cervieri - Councilman Cervieri has decided to dispense his council reports for this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Name	Topic	Address
1. <u>Neal Okarter</u>	<u>Knightsbridge Fire</u>	<u>2365 Hudson Terrace 5-B</u>

The following topics were discussed regarding the fire incident that took place on June 5, 2021:

- a. The length of time resident’s displaced can stay in local hotels and who will cover the cost.
Mayor Sokolich responded the Borough of Fort Lee is not seeking reimbursement as families make good faith in finding housing. Borough Administrator Al Restaino also responded the Borough had committed to two

- weeks stay in the local hotels but have not set a final deadline to ascertain how long families need to remain there.
- b. Will individuals who paid out of pocket for hotel cost be reimbursed.
Mayor Sokolich responded he will consider it with proof from insurance company that they did not already reimburse individuals. He stated hotels were offered for individuals with no other option.
 - c. Will neighboring buildings affected be reimbursed.
Mayor Sokolich responded neighboring buildings would not be reimbursed as only direct impact individuals were placed in hotels due to no other option of housing.
 - d. Will mortgage assistance be received by the Borough.
Mayor Sokolich responded he will retrieve information from other agencies if they would provide mortgage assistance as we do not have that at a local level. Councilman Suh responded to apply to the County at BergenCountycares.org and see if they would grant assistance.
 - e. Will tax relief be received for the owners by the Borough.
Mayor Sokolich responded the property tax bill is composed by land and Improvements and a tax appeal may be filed. He will follow up with the Tax Assessor.
 - f. Will residential parking permits be received for residents displaced as well as reimbursement for recent parking tickets.
Councilman Cervieri responded all vehicles should register with the Parking Authority to receive residential street parking passes. Mayor Sokolich stated he will follow up with parking Authority regarding parking ticket reimbursement.

2. Randall Jean-Jacques Knightsbridge Fire 2365 Hudson Terrace 5-F

Mr. Jean-Jacques inquired whether the Borough has decided to destroy the current structure or rebuild the current structure.

Bryan Drumgoole, OEM Director responded the Borough engineer has consulted and will have a decision by July 7th with a determination or recommendation whether the building will be rebuilt or demolished.

Mr. Jean-Jacques asked if there were any zoning laws if they do decide to rebuild the structure could not be over a certain number of stories.

Mayor Sokolich responded this structure is in a 5-story limitation zone, stating by declaring the building a total loss and rebuilding the structure would then comply with today's by-laws.

Mr. Jean-Jacques asked if residents could retrieve a copy of these meeting minutes. Mayor Sokolich responded they will be available upon approval from the Mayor and Council at the next meeting to be held on July 8th.

3. J. Kim Knightsbridge Fire Englewood Cliffs, NJ

Ms. J. Kim inquired when the Linwood building was knocked down was it rebuilt with the fire suppression system.

Mayor Sokolich responded they were rebuilt with 100% to the current code requirements.

Ms. J. Kim inquired on how to obtain the fire investigation report.

Bryan Drumgoole, OEM Director responded to contact the Bergen County Prosecutors Office, Arson Squad, directly to obtain the cause and origin report.

4. Genevieve Lee Knightsbridge Fire 2365 Hudson Terrace 5-B

Ms. Lee inquired why the building did not currently have a fire suppression system.

Mayor Sokolich responded it was not required when the building was constructed and to put one retroactively into older constructions would be an economic strain.

Ms. Lee inquired if items were able to be collected from the rubble for us residents and insurance to itemize belongings.

Mayor Sokolich responded a demolition company would need to be hired and paid to sift through which is a very costly undertaking. Bryan Drumgoole, OEM Director also responded that would be the property manager and insurance company's decision to do so.

5. Alex Kuperman Knightsbridge Fire 2365 Hudson Terrace 5-A

Mr. Kuperman stated tax appeals are generally done by April 30th, can a special case be made on our taxes?

Mayor Sokolich responded he would and will follow up regarding this inquiry with the correct individual.

Mr. Kuperman stated he was informed a member from the management would be present this evening and no one appears to have shown to represent the Knightsbridge building.

Councilman Cervieri responded they were not informed or aware of management being present to address the residents.

6. Lordes Cruz Knightsbridge Fire 2365 Hudson Terrace 3-A

Ms. Cruz inquired if the rear side of the building residents were able to enter the bedrooms that currently contain floors, as residents were determined to retrieve some belongings.

Mayor Sokolich responded that is a big safety issue and beyond our control. Bryan Drumgoole, OEM Director also responded to all residents please e-mail me your information and we will do anything we can to help.

At this point in the meeting Borough Administrator Al Restaino stated a \$500.00 check has been given to all unit owners and a second check is available for pick up this Monday June 21st.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:08 p.m.

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