

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ 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, Yoon, Suh, Drumgoole, Kasofsky, Cervieri

ALSO PRESENT: Al 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 28, 2022. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Good evening, everyone, welcome to the regular scheduled mayor and council meeting Thursday, July 6th, 2023. I have a couple of opening remarks but for the most part, we all know why we are here. It’s a big night we are going to be swearing in some new police officers, which is always an exciting event here in the Borough of Fort Lee. At all these swearing ins, we have an incredible representation from all our emergency services. I think it is only appropriate that we take a moment and have a moment of silence for the two firefighters that were killed. After they became trapped while fighting a fire on a ship at Port Newark last evening. It is just a reminder to all of us that while thank God a lot of days we are in safety not in harm’s way that can change on given moment, we know that in Government, we know that you men and women may times put your lives in your own hands. You risk your lives for our community and for your brothers and sisters and we are eternally grateful for that so if we could please have a moment of silence for our brothers that passed last evening. It’s just a reminder that all the training and everything that you put together, the resources we are able to provide is just so critically important. Our hearts go out to those families that are suffering as they are now. Real quick, I don’t want to keep everybody here too long but just a few announcements. School is out so we have to make sure here in Fort Lee that we drive safely. There’s a lot of kids out running around, skateboards, bikes, they are out sometimes early evening. We have got to make sure we are very careful especially this time of year. I am happy to announce, and I am sure a lot of you have seen it already, Fort Lee’s fifth mural will be coming to mural capital of northern New Jersey. We are really proud of that. If you don’t know where I am talking about it is the Bergen Boulevard Route 46 overpass over Main Street at the border of Leonia. It looks unbelievable, really proud of it. I want to thank the BDA for their efforts in putting all of that together. It is just a great introduction to the Borough as you come into it and then once you leave you are reminded that you’re leaving a great place. Quick update on the park at the Post Office, we are in the middle of going through some valuable engineering. I will be very frank, numbers came in, they were a little higher than we thought. We are going to sharpen our pencils and take a look at a few things we had proposed for the park. Hopefully we can get that number down. I am very confident that we will. Big event in Fort Lee turned out to be one of our most prestigious events also

sponsored by the BDA is our car show on July 16th. I don't know how many of you have attended a car show before, we had our first one last year. It turns out we get written up for having one of the best first-time car shows in the country which I thought was pretty cool, kudos to the BDA. Also, the other agencies that make this possible it's not just one. So, we are having a second one, this year is pretty special because it's in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the corvette. There is going to be a lot of corvette enthusiasts there. I have to tell you, if you didn't go last year make it your business to go this year whether you like cars or you don't it's a lot of fun. Everybody's in a great mood, cars all over the place and just imagine when the park is done. That will be the feature part of this car show so that is exciting. That's really it for my initial report. I wanted to be brief, and I believe that brings us to Evelyn, for Oaths of Office."

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
HIRING/RESOLUTIONS AND OATHS OF OFFICE

R-1 Authorizing the Hiring of Police Officers

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

<p>July 6, 2023 Regular Session Meeting</p> <p>Resolution # R-1</p> <p>Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u> </u> Tabled: <u> </u></p> <p>Approved on Consent Agenda: <u> </u></p>

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have determined the need to authorize the hiring of Police Officers for the Police Department, based on retirements and the current Table of Organization; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the following individuals be appointed to the position of **Police Officer** with an **effective hiring date of July 17, 2023** ; and
Marc-Lane Baker

Daniel Daub

Dimitri Koutroubinis

Shawn Cunningham

Jeremy Perez

Elias Lorenzo

Liridona Shala

Daniel Munoz

WHEREAS, their employment with the Fort Lee Police Department is contingent upon the verification that they have completed all the necessary requirements to be a Police Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these appointments are made in accordance with a New Jersey Civil Service Commission Certification of Eligibles for Appointment List, for the title of Police Officer, and the salary shall be in accordance with the current P.B.A. Contract.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY (OATHS OF OFFICE)

Police Chief Hintze thanked the Mayor & Council, Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk for providing the Police Department with the time and opportunity to allow the swearing in of the new Officers.

And at this time, he asked Mayor Sokolich to come forward to swear in the new Officers. Mayor Sokolich administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected officers for the Fort Lee Police Department.

Marc-Lane Baker was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his mother, Celine Baker and; pinning the Badge will be his father, Marc-Arthur.

Daniel Daub was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his sister, Claudia and his girlfriend, Police Officer Christine Bizub and; pinning the Badge will be his mother, Kelley.

Dimitri Koutroubinis was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his mother, Stacey, and stepfather Erving Ortega and; pinning the Badge will be his uncle, current Fort Lee Police Sergeant George Koutroubinis.

Shawn Cunningham was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his mother, Jennifer Pinto and; pinning the Badge will be his stepfather, Ralph Pinto.

Jeremy Perez was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his father, Miguel and mother, Belkis; pinning the Badge will be his wife, Joelle.

Elias Lorenzo was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his mother, Charlie and his brother, Seth and; pinning the Badge will be his father, retired Fort Lee Police Officer Alejandro Lorenzo.

Liridona Shala was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Quran will be her mother, Xhevrijc; pinning the badge will be her father, Sokol.

Daniel Munoz was sworn in as Officer for the Fort Lee Police Department by Mayor Sokolich.

Holding the Bible will be his wife, Rosemary and; pinning the Badge will be his mother, Cynthia.

In conclusion, Police Chief Hintze asked all in attendance to give the officers recognized this evening a final round of applause.

Mayor Sokolich welcomed all the newly sworn in officers to the Fort Lee family.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, a brief recess was approved and taken at 7:36 P.M.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Suh, the meeting was reconvened at 7:47 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 4, 2023, Closed Session and Work Session were approved.

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 18, 2023, Regular Session were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ord. 2023-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “AMBULANCE CORPS ” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried, the public hearing was opened. There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky.

Introduced On: June 15, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer		X	X
Yoon			X
Suh			ABSENT
Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky			X
Cervieri	X		X

Adopted On: July 6, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer			X
Yoon			X
Suh		X	X
Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky			X
Cervieri	X		X

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “AMBULANCE CORPS ” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee desires to supplement Chapter 6 of the Code of the Borough of Fort Lee to reflect the addition of Warden Duty for the Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the Borough to supplement Chapter 6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended or added as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

Section1.

6-13 Annual Raise

The Fort Lee Ambulance Corps will receive the yearly raise in accordance with the White-Collar Union Employees.

6-15 Warden Duty

A. "Ambulance Warden duty" is defined as an on-duty temporary measure ordered by the Ambulance Chief, or in his absence, the Deputy Chief, or in their absence, their designee, or the senior officer present, intended to ensure the readiness and response of Fort Lee Ambulance Corps members, ambulances, to protect life and render Emergency Medical Care under special circumstances. Such special circumstances include, but are not limited to, severe weather events, heavy traffic, festivals, special details, events, and those other circumstances deemed appropriate for Ambulance Warden duty by the Ambulance Chief.

B. Individuals who qualify to serve as Ambulance Wardens shall be active members of the Ambulance Corps Any qualified individuals serving as Ambulance Wardens shall report directly to the Ambulance Chief, or in his absence, the Deputy Chief, or in his absence, their designee, or the senior officer present. Persons serving as Ambulance Wardens shall be subject to all Borough ordinances, rules, and regulations.

C. Ambulance Wardens shall be paid at the current rate of \$23.66 per hour, which rate may be, from time to time, amended in accordance with the Borough budget.

Section 2. Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner provided by law.

Ord. 2023-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2 FORMATION AND RANK, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried, the public hearing was opened. There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky.

Introduced On : June 15, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer		X	X
Yoon			X
Suh			Absent
Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky			X
Cervieri	X		X

Adopted On: July 6, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer			X
Yoon			X
Suh			X
Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky		X	X
Cervieri	X		X

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2 FORMATION AND RANK, 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 90 Police Department, Section 2 Formation and Rank, of the Code of the Borough of Fort Lee, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. That the current text of Borough Ordinance 90-2 Formation and Rank, Paragraph A Police Department Table of Organization, shall hereby be deleted and replaced with the following:

- A. The Police Department Table of Organization may consist of not more

than 115 officers in total and 3 Special Law Enforcement Class III (SLEO III) officers in the following positions at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council:

- 1 Police Chief
- 2 Deputy Chief
- 4 Captains
- 9 Lieutenants
- 16 Sergeants; the total combined Sergeants and Lieutenants shall not exceed 25
- 83 Police Officers, or higher, not to exceed the Department's full complement of officers
- 3 Special Law Enforcement Class III (SLEO III) officers

Section 2. Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner provided by law.

Ord. 2023-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 216 ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION PART 3. UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT ", ARTICLE X "ADOPTION OF UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT ", SECTION 216-72 ENTITLED "ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEES " OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, and carried, the public hearing was opened. There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer.

Introduced On: June 15, 2023				Adopted On: July 6, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote	Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer		X	X	Sohmer		X	X
Yoon			X	Yoon			X
Suh			Absent	Suh			X
Drumgoole			X	Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky			X	Kasofsky			X
Cervieri	X		X	Cervieri	X		X

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 216 ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION PART 3. UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT ", ARTICLE X "ADOPTION OF UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT ", SECTION 216-72 ENTITLED "ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEES " OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it would be in the best interest of the citizens that Chapter 156 be amended and supplemented at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Chapter 216 "Fire Prevention Part 3. Uniform Fire Safety Act", Article X. "Adoption of Uniform Fire Safety Act" Sections 216-72 "Additional Registration Fees" Subsection 216-72E is amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 1

Chapter 216, "Fire Prevention Part 3. Uniform Fire Safety Act", Article X. "Adoption of Uniform Fire Safety Act" Sections 216-72 "Additional Registration Fees" Subsection 216-72E(1) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

216-72E(1) Residential.

R-1 one- and two-family non-owner occupied dwellings, cooperative apartments and condominium units, and single-unit cooperative apartments or condominium units located in a multiple dwelling: \$100

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

Ord. 2023-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 406 ENTITLED “WRECKERS AND TOWING SERVICE ”

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried, the public hearing was opened. There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer.

Introduced On: June 15, 2023				Adopted On: July 6, 2023			
Council	Motion	Second	Vote	Council	Motion	Second	Vote
Sohmer		X	X	Sohmer		X	X
Yoon			X	Yoon			X
Suh			Absent	Suh			X
Drumgoole			X	Drumgoole			X
Kasofsky			X	Kasofsky			X
Cervieri	X		X	Cervieri	X		X

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 406 ENTITLED “WRECKERS AND TOWING SERVICE ”

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that there is a need to amend Chapter 406 entitled “Wreckers and Towing Service” with regard to rates for towing, conveying, repair, service or storage; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it would be in the best interest of the citizens that Chapter 406 entitled “Wreckers and Towing Service” be amended and supplemented with regard to rates for towing, conveying, repair, service or storage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that Chapter 406 entitled “Wreckers and Towing Service” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 1 .

Chapter 406 “Wreckers and Towing Service”, Section 15 “Rates for towing, conveying, repair, service or storage”, is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

- A. Fees for towing and storage of private passenger vehicles damaged in an accident or recovered after being stolen, may not exceed the fees established by the Garden State Towing Association, Inc. (GSTA) as set forth in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>.
- B. Pursuant to law, the fee schedules are reviewed by the Garden State Towing Association, Inc. on an annual basis and may be revised if necessary. In the event

that the fee schedules are revised by the GSTA, the revised fees shall be the maximum fees that may be charged by official towers, and this chapter shall be amended accordingly.

- C. If the towing operator is called to the scene by the Police Department of the Borough of Fort Lee in accordance with this chapter, fees for towing and storage of private passenger vehicles damaged in an accident or recovered after being stolen, shall be set forth in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>.
- D. Fees for other types of vehicles other than private passenger vehicles, shall be determined as follows:
 - (1) The following maximum fee schedule for towing services shall be as set forth in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>.
 - (2) The fee for storage services shall be as set forth in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>.
 - (3) The fees set forth for non-passenger vehicles in this section are maximum charges that shall apply for basic towing services. The towing operators, however, shall be allowed to charge additional fees per hour for winching and wrecking services over and above the basic towing services for light-duty wrecker, medium wrecker and heavy-duty wrecker, as set forth in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>. There shall be no additional charges for any other services, including but not limited to waiting time, clean-up costs and additional labor, when only basic towing services, as defined in <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>, are provided.
- E. Any person found to be in violation of the terms and conditions of this chapter two times within any one year shall have his license to operate a wrecker or towing service in the Borough of Fort Lee suspended for six months.
- F. It shall be the duty of all wreckers and towing services to maintain a listing of the rates shown herein in their vehicles and to have a sign permanently affixed to the vehicle reading "Fort Lee Schedule of Rates in Cab" on the outside of said vehicle.
- G. Any rates for services as set forth in this chapter must be adhered to. As to any other rates for services that are not expressly specified in this chapter, or that are otherwise not prohibited to be charged by a vendor, such rates shall in no event exceed the rates as determined and adopted by the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) for the calendar year in which the service is provided. The NJSP prevailing rates, which are endorsed by the GSTA and posted on its website at <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/> shall be presumed fair and reasonable by the Borough for any rates which are not specified in this chapter. Nothing in this section shall be read as limiting the Borough's discretion and authority to amend the rates set forth herein and/or to determine the maximum rates for services.
- H. All towing operators shall post the fees for such services in a prominent and visible location at the storage facility and shall accept as payment cash, credit card, debit card, charge card or insurance company check for all services.
- I. The following Fee Schedule will apply to all borough owned vehicles and any vehicle designated as "exempt vehicle" by the Chief of Police. These vehicles will be exempt from the fee schedule set above and the following fee schedule will be applied.

Exempt Vehicle Tow within 10 miles	\$0 per hour
Exempt Vehicle Tow over 10 miles	\$100 per hour
Exempt vehicle Tow over 10,001 pounds	\$275 per hour
Exempt Vehicle Storage	\$0 up to 10 days \$25/day starting on 11th day

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court

of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Cervieri , seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky , the Proposed Consent Agenda was introduced, and the public hearing was opened relative to items CA-1 through CA-14.

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

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Resolution # CA-1 to CA-14

Carried:___Defeated:___Tabled:___

Approved on Consent Agenda: X

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	\$1,287,820.66
Current - Wires	7,301,108.92
Capital	144,092.02
Road Improvement Plan	
Multiple Dwelling	
Construction Fees	
COAH Fees	
Senior Citizen Advisory Council	
Trip Admissions	
Special Dog Account	
Trust Account Fund	32,940.00
Redemption Account	
Disability Insurance Trust	
Public Assistance Trust Fund	
Police Activity Trust	
Fort Lee Film Commission	
Community Development	
School Resource Account	
Dedicated Penalties (Fire Prevention)	
POAA	
Police Donation	
Police Treasury	250.00
Police Justice	25,219.34
Flexible Spending	
Trust Account	
Developers CONNECT ONE	22,586.11
Developers B of America	
Total:	\$ 8,814,017.05

CA-2 Approving Jr. Auxiliary Firefighter Application for Kenneth Rodriguez, Fire

Company #2

The Jr. Auxiliary Firefighter application for Kenneth Rodriguez, Fire Company #2 was approved.

CA-3 Accepting Retirement Notice of Michael Sestanovich , Plumbing Sub-Code Official, Building Department, Effective Retroactive to June 1, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT NOTICE OF MICHAEL SESTANOVICH OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Sestanovich , Plumbing Sub-Code Official of the Building Department , has submitted his retirement notice dated June 7, 2023 and the Mayor and Council have accepted same; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Sestanovich’s retirement will be **effective retroactive to June 1, 2023** with the Borough of Fort Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their best wishes to Mr. Sestanovich.

CA-4 Authorizing Appointment of Marko Stojanovic as an Unpaid Summer Intern with the Borough of Fort Lee Commencing June 29, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN UNPAID SUMMER INTERN WITH THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

WHEREAS , through Fort Lee High School’s Community Service Program, high school students are connected to various professional offices within the Borough and the Governing Body supports this program in providing these students a summer internship with building blocks for their knowledge and application of hands on experience in a public health department office setting; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following individual be appointed as an unpaid summer intern with the Borough of Fort Lee:

- **Marko Stojanovic**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date for the above summer intern to commence with the Borough of Fort Lee on June 29, 2023.

CA-5 Authorizing the Appointment of Kaitlyn Park as an Unpaid Summer Intern with the Finance Department Commencing July 10, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN UNPAID SUMMER INTERN WITH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS , through Fort Lee High School’s Community Service Program, high school students are connected to various professional offices within the Borough and the Governing Body supports this program in providing these students a summer internship with building blocks for their knowledge and application of hands on experience in a public health department office setting; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following individual be appointed as an unpaid summer intern with the Borough of Fort Lee:

- Kaitlyn Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date for the above summer intern to commence with the Borough of Fort Lee on July 10, 2023.

CA-6 Authorizing the Hiring of Various Summer Seasonal Events Crew Employees in the Community Center, \$20.00 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 to work the Stage at the Community Center, 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 for the Summer 2023 season:**

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	HOURLY RATE:
Nunez, Julius	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00
Montagnino, Jerome	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00
Holzapfel, Eric	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00
Montealegre, Pablo	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00
Maldonado, Lukas	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00
Severiano, Desiderio	Events Crew	Community Center	\$20.00

CA-7 Authorizing the Hiring of Sally T. Garcia as Full-Time Cook for the Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center Effective July 10, 2023, \$45,000.00 Annually

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A COOK FOR THE RICHARD AND CATHERINE NEST ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER

WHEREAS, due to a resignation in the department, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the vacancy to be filled with the hiring of a full-time Cook for the Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that **Sally T. Garcia** be appointed to a full time position as **Cook**, with an effective date of **July 10, 2023**, at an annual salary of **\$45,000-** pursuant to the White Collar Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment be provisional pending certification from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

CA-8 Authorizing the Hiring of Kyungmi Kim, Public Health Nurse, Full Time Position, Effective July 17, 2023, \$65,910.00 Annually

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, due to a resignation in the department, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the vacancy to be filled with the hiring of a full-time

Public Health Nurse in the Health Department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that **Kyungmi Kim** be appointed to a full time position as **Public Health Nurse** , with an effective date of **July 17, 2023** , at an annual salary of **\$65,910-** pursuant to the White Collar Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment be provisional pending certification from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

CA-9 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Project Known as Tremont Avenue

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TREMONT AVENUE PROJECT

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-2024- Tremont Avenue -00400 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Fort Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor 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.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on this **6th** day of **July 2023** .

Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL _____
Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC Mark J. Sokolich
Municipal Clerk Mayor

CA-10 Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Yaneixa Hermoso, PC for the Provision of Professional Legal Services as the Borough ’s Ethics Board Attorney, for the Year 2023 Not to Exceed \$20,000.00 Annually

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO YANEIXA HERMOSO, PC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (ETHICS BOARD ATTORNEY)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s Ethics Board Attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; and

WHEREAS, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, services to provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023 are recognized as “professional services” as these services are deemed to be original and creative in character in a recognized field of artistic endeavor, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed by the consultant are professional services and this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Yaneixa Hermoso, PC possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional consulting services in the form of a licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s ethics board attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough desire to award a contract for professional consulting services to Yaneixa Hermoso, PC in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the professional consulting services related to a licensed attorney to serve as the Borough’s ethics board attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023 shall be at a compensation in an annual amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be paid monthly as reflected in Yaneixa Hermoso, PC proposal; and

WHEREAS, because the annual compensation to be paid to Yaneixa Hermoso, PC exceeds the threshold of \$17,500 under the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the contract is subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of a proposal from Yaneixa Hermoso, PC to provide professional consulting services was pursuant to a non-fair and open process in accordance with the provisions of New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Yaneixa Hermoso, PC is required to complete and submit at least ten (10) days prior to the award of a contract a Political Contribution Disclosure Form in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, a Stockholder Disclosure Certification, and a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, certifying that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the prior year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Stockholder Disclosure Certification, and Business Entity Disclosure Certificate and the certification have been submitted by Yaneixa Hermoso, PC indicating that Yaneixa Hermoso, PC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the prior year, and shall be placed and maintained on file at the office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the Borough's available funds and has determined that sufficient funds are available from account number 3-01-20-1552-027, not to exceed \$20,000.00 to award a contract for professional consulting services in the form of a licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's ethics board attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Yaneixa Hermoso, PC shall be and is hereby appointed to perform professional consulting services in the form of a licensed attorney to serve as the Borough's ethics board attorney and provide professional legal services to the Borough during 2023, in accordance with its proposal, dated June 23, 2023, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract between the Borough and Yaneixa Hermoso, PC providing for annual compensation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, and further memorializing the scope of work and such other terms and conditions as may be necessary.

3. That a notice of the contract award shall be published, and this Resolution and the contract must be available for public inspection, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

CA-11 Authorizing Change Order No. 1, \$72,019.25 to the Contract for Professional Engineering Services Awarded to Neglia Group for Project Known as Abbott Boulevard Streetscape

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, \$72,019.25 REGARDING CONTRACT AWARDED TO NEGLIA GROUP FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS ABBOTT BOULEVARD STREETSCAPE

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee authorized the award of a professional engineering and construction management services contract to Neglia Group for project known as EV Stations and future buildout at Abbott Boulevard Streetscape further known as Abbott Boulevard Streetscape; and

WHEREAS, proposal dated October 4, 2022, for said project was received for a cost not to exceed \$18,240.00; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen conditions within Abbott Boulevard, consisting of buried structures requiring structural design, project delays and continued engineering management of project known as Abbott Boulevard Streetscape a change order to the original contract has been received; and

WHEREAS, the revised scope of services within the change order is as follows:

1. Structural Design to support buried structures.
2. Technical Observation.
3. Neglia Group and subconsultants will provide services to review shop drawings and samples, attendance at job site meetings.
4. Neglia Group and subconsultant will prepare a punch list, substantial completion forms, and sign off of construction.
5. Provide Field Engineering during construction.
6. Making visits to the site to observe the work in progress and providing reports to the Borough.
7. Observing initial operation on the project or of performance tests required by specifications.
8. Making a final inspection and report on the completed project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That change order no. 1 in the amount of \$72,019.25 be authorized and executed
2. That the revised contract price for project known as Abbott Boulevard Streetscape is \$90,259.25
3. That a notice of the change order be duly published in the designated newspaper of the Borough of Fort Lee

CA-12 Authorizing Fort Lee Night Out on August 1, 2023, at the Fort Lee Jack Alter Community Center

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE FORT LEE NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023, TO BE HELD AT THE JACK ALTER FORT LEE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee will hold their annual **Fort Lee Night Out** on the first Tuesday of August, that being **Tuesday, August 1, 2023** at the Jack Alter Fort Lee Community Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort Lee Night Out serves as an annual initiative that promotes community partnerships, with our Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Office of Emergency Management; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, grants permission to hold the Fort Lee Night Out on August 1, 2023.

CA-13 Authorizing the Hiring of Amalia Castro as a Part-Time Kitchen Helper in the Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center, Effective July 10, 2023, \$15.00, Hourly

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME KITCHEN HELPER

WHEREAS, Crissa Skarimbis, Director of the Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center, requested the Mayor and Council to appoint a part-time position within her department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following individual be appointed to a part-time position of Kitchen Helper:

Amalia Castro

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Castro's **hourly rate shall be \$15.00**, with an effective date of **July 10, 2023**.

CA-14 Authorizing the Hiring of Despina Kolokithas as a Full-Time Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center, Effective July 10, 2023, \$35,000.00 Annually

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DESPINA KOLOKITHAS IN THE RICHARD AND CATHERINE NEST ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER

WHEREAS, due to a resignation in the department, the Mayor and Council have determined that the vacancy should be filled; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that **Despina Kolokithas** , be appointed to a full-time position of **Keyboarding Clerk 1** in the **Richard and Catherine Nest Adult Activity Center** , with an **effective date of July 10, 2023** ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall be provisional pending certification from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and shall be at an annual salary of **\$35,000-**, in compliance with the Salary Ordinance of the White-Collar Contract.

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky. The Consent Agenda regarding CA-1 through CA- 14 was approved on the following roll call:

AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Drumgoole , Kasofsky, Cervieri

RESOLUTIONS

R-2 Requesting Permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the Dedication by Rider for Animal Control Fees

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

July 6, 2023
Regular Session Meeting

Resolution # R-2

Carried: X Defeated: Tabled:

Approved on Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees from the general public for various animal control fees in which the Chief Financial Officer and Health Department administer various fees associated with the Animal Control Fees; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from Animal Control Fees are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Animal Control Fees.
2. The Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Sohmer - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening and the graduates of the Jr. Police Academy stating that he was honored to attend.

He mentioned the upcoming schedule at the Barrymore Film Center, the summer concerts beginning July 11th and the Movies Under the Stars beginning July 13th.

Councilman Yoon - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening and the youth sports teams, coaches and parents for a fantastic season.

Councilman Suh - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening, the youth sports teams, middle school and high school graduates.

He mentioned Fort Lee Night out will be held August 1st and The St. Rocco's Feast begins August 2nd.

He mentioned registration is still open for the 2023-2024 Jr. Bridgeman Football and Cheerleading teams.

Councilman Drumgoole - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening and welcomed them to the Fort Lee Family of Blue.

He gave a brief Office of Emergency Management quarterly review and thanked all the "silent heroes," OEM Coordinator Chris Richter and the entire staff.

Councilwoman Kasofsky - She congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening.

She mentioned a successful turnout for the Bergen County Clerks passport mobile unit held at the public library.

Mayor Sokolich - He reminded the public that every Tuesday between 9AM - 1PM a representative from Congressman Josh Gottheimer's office is in Borough Hall to assist the residents.

Councilman Cervieri - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers this evening and thanked their families for encouraging them.

Mayor Sokolich - He congratulated all the newly sworn in officers 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.

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

On motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:14 p.m.

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July 6, 2023

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