

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee was held on the above date in the Memorial Municipal Building, 309 Main Street, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

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

**ALSO PRESENT :** Alfred Restaino, Borough Administrator  
Evelyn Rosario, Municipal Clerk  
Nadine Drumgoole, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Daniel Lagana, Borough Attorney

**ABSENT:** Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice informing the public of the time and place of this meeting was duly published in the Record, the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of November 12, 2021, and January 7, 2022. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board and Borough website.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS:**

**On motion by Councilman Cervieri seconded by Council president Kasofsky and approved unanimously** , the meeting moved into closed session.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that:  
This body shall hereafter discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act, certain items which may generally be described as follows:

1. **Personnel:**
  - a. Community Center
  - b. Emergency Medical Technician
  - c. Fire Prevention
  - d. Police Department
  - e. Senior Center

The minutes of the discussion in closed session may be disclosed to the public when the Mayor and Council has determined that the need for confidentiality has been satisfied.

The open portion of the work session will resume upon completion of the closed portion.

The closed portion of the meeting ended at 7:05 P.M. The open portion of the work session began at 7:09 P.M.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

### **Ordinance Amendment: Property Maintenance Regarding Lead Based Paint Inspections**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 312 requiring municipalities to inspect rental dwellings on a recurring basis and tenant turnover for lead-based paint hazards will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda for introduction.

### **Ordinance Amendment: Certificate of Continued Occupancy to Correct the Title to Certificate of Compliance**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 182 to correct the title to “Certificate of Compliance” will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda for introduction.

### **Ordinance Amendment: Dogs in Public Parks**

Mayor Sokolich mentioned the ordinance will outline that dogs will not be permitted in Monument Park. Dogs will be permitted in all other parks to include regulations and police officer enforcement. The great lawn at the Jack Alter Community Center should also be added to the ordinance as no dogs permitted excluding the surrounding pathway.

Borough Attorney Daniel Langan suggested to include “recreation fields” to the ordinance prohibiting dog permittance.

An Ordinance amending Chapter 293 to include regulations regarding dogs in public parks will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda for introduction.

### **Chapter 159 Senior Center ARPA Funds**

A resolution regarding the above captioned insertion of budget item in the amount of \$13,110.00 from BC Division of Senior Services - ARPA Funding will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**Award of Contract for Project Known as Improvements to Harvard Place**

Administrator Restaino reviewed the bids submitted regarding the above captioned project and stated that bids were received from the following bidders:

Frank A. Macchione Construction Rochelle Park, New Jersey	\$166,310.89
DLS Contracting, Inc. Fairfield, New Jersey	\$170,084.50
Your Way Construction Irvington, New Jersey	\$170,938.56
4 Clean-Up, Inc. North Bergen, New Jersey	\$185,867.40

The Engineer and Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and determined that D.L.S. (DLS) Contracting, Inc. is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and recommends the Borough award the contract to DLS.

A resolution authorizing the award of contract will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**Award of Contract to Boswell Engineering for Demolition Inspection Services Related to the Fort Lee Post Office, Not to Exceed \$10,000.00**

Administrator Restaino reviewed the proposal as submitted by Boswell Engineering to provide inspection services for the above captioned project.

A resolution authorizing the award of contract will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the Borough of Fort Lee and the Fort Lee Board of Education for the Assignment of a Special Police Officer**

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Board of Education for the assignment of a special police officer.

An authorizing resolution will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**Request for a Handicap Parking Space: 3071 Edwin Avenue**

An ordinance amending the Borough's handicap ordinance to add a new street as indicated above will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**Cannabis Application Submitted by Ascend New Jersey LLC, 469 West Street**

Administrator Restaino stated the Borough Clerks Office received an application. A public hearing for the amended preliminary and final major site plan for said establishment is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to authorize issuance of a cannabis license contingent upon all of the necessary approvals by the Planning Board.

**Developer’s Agreement PS Atlantic Coast, LLC, 504 Jane Street**

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

A resolution will be placed on the October 27th proposed agenda.

**2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule**

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. An authorizing resolution will be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> proposed agenda.

**ADD ON**

**Resolution**

**Renewal of Vendor License for the year 2022 - SS Smile Limousine, LLC**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
<b>Sohmer</b>		X	X			
<b>Yoon</b>			X			
<b>Suh</b>			X			
<b>Sargenti</b>			X			
<b>Kasofsky</b>			X			
<b>Cervieri</b>	X		X			

<p>October 6, 2022 Work Session Meeting</p> <p>Resolution # R-1 Carried: <u>X</u> Defeated: <u>  </u> Tabled: <u>  </u> Approved on Consent Agenda: <u>  </u></p>
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIMOUSINES MUNICIPAL LICENSE FOR THE JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022 LICENSING PERIOD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following municipal licenses are hereby renewed for the January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 licensing year.

**LIMOUSINES** -Chapter 372, Article II  
**SS Smile Limo, LLC**

Councilman Cervieri addressed the Mayor and Council regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. Mayor Sokolich responded a traffic study was previously conducted and he will circumvent the report to the council members for review.

Councilman Yoon addressed the Mayor and Council regarding an outpour of concerns from the public regarding crossing guards and cross walks, particularly on Route 5/Central Boulevard and Palisade Avenue. Mayor Sokolich asked the Council members to consider having a crossing guard in place for the evening and weekend hours on Route 5 and Abbott Boulevard. A request will be put into the Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Kasofsky suggested a refresher course be given to the crossing guards. Administrator Restaino stated stricter guidelines will be put in place in order to become a crossing guard.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

There being no public discussion the meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Cervieri, seconded by Councilman Sohmer, at 7:32 PM.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Prepared By:  
Nadine Drumgoole  
Deputy Municipal Clerk