

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **February 6, 2012**
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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30 pm.*

7 Mayor DeSimone called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor DeSimone asked everyone to stand while Council President Knott led in the Pledge
9 of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor DeSimone, Councilperson; Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Salmon,*
11 *Whitter*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*
16 *Lynn Hemmer, Deputy Borough Clerk*

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18 **Absent:** *Borough Administrator Terhune*
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20 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

21 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
22 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.

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24 **APPOINTMENT**
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26 **PRESENTATION**

27 Ingrid Brennan – 53 Palmer Place; Mrs. Brennan acknowledged the members of the
28 Transit Committee that were present. Mrs. Brennan read a report prepared by the Transit
29 Committee.

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31 Councilman Whitter inquired about Bus Route 182. Mrs. Brennan stated nothing shows
32 bus schedules. Mrs. Brennan explained the bus stop on Grand Avenue.

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34 Shelly Porrino, 105 Leonia Avenue; Ms. Porrino reported the Board of Ed is doing a
35 traffic study in the area of Willow Tree. Ms. Porrino inquired about the crossing gates and
36 traffic backing up. Mrs. Brennan explained what was in the report and stated the time line
37 for written comments is, February 21, 2012.

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39 Council President Knott - Council President Knott stated he understands what is feasible
40 with light rail and impact. Theory and practice are two different things. “Kiss and Drop”
41 impact will be with people coming to pick-up and drop off passengers.

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44 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

45 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace – Mr. Leap thanked Mrs. Brennan and the Transit
46 Committee. The Mayor and Council and the Transit Committee need to speak with one
47 voice. Mr. Leap also suggested raised track and trestles.

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49 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

50 **Council Meeting January 18, 2012** – Councilman Whitter, seconded by Councilman
51 Choi, made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2012. Roll call vote; all in
52 favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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54 **Closed Session Minutes January 18, 2012** – Councilman Whitter made a motion to
55 approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 18, 2012, seconded by Councilman Choi
56 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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58 **RESOLUTIONS**

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61 Resolutions - Council President Knott asked for 12-97 be held for separate vote. Council
62 President Knott would like the following added to Resolution 12-94; Police Department,
63 Fire Department, and OEM.

64 Resolution 12-92: Councilman Choi asked who donated the ice skating rink. Mr. Leap
65 stated Mr. Michael D’Angelo.

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67 Resolution 12-97; Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 12-97,
68 seconded by Council President Knott. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. At this
69 time Mr. Giblin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. I. S. Pak.

70 Resolutions 12-85 through 12-96; Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the
71 Resolutions as listed, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; Councilmen Knott,
72 Choi, Hawkins, Salmon and Whitter voted yes. Councilman Pak abstained.

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74 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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Introduction of Ordinance 03-12 entitled:

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE
77 BOROUGH F LEONIA TITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES” BY AMENDING
78 ORDINANCE 46-36D (2)(A).**

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Borough Clerk read by Title

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82 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi
83 to adopt on first reading Ordinance 03-12

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85 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Salmon, Whitter voted
86 yes, Councilman Pak abstained. Ordinance 03-12 Introduced.

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92 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

93 Adoption of Ordinance 01-12 entitled:
94 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 267 OF THE CODE OF**
95 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED “TOWING” BY**
96 **AMENDING SECTIONS 267-3, 267-4, 267-5, 267-6 AND 267-10.**

97 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title**
98 **Public Hearing - none**

99 A motion was made by Councilman Whitter, seconded by
100 Councilman Choi to approve on final reading Ordinance 01-12.

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102 **ROLL CALL;** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Salmon, Whitter voted
103 yes. Councilman Pak abstained

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105 Adoption of Ordinance 02-12 entitled:
106 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES, WAGES AND/OR**
107 **COMPENSATION AND TO ESTABLISH SALARY & WAGE**
108 **RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC**
109 **SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY**
110 **OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR**
111 **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012.**

112 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**
113 **Public Hearing - none**

114 A motion was made by Councilman Choi, seconded by
115 Councilman Whitter to approve on final reading Ordinance 02-12

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117 **ROLL CALL;** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Salmon, Whitter voted
118 yes. Councilman Pak abstained

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121 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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123 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 124 a) School Board Election, Borough Clerk – The Borough Clerk explained the new
125 law to the Governing Body. Councilman Hawkins also spoke regarding the change in
126 the law.

127 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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129 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

130 Niki Bach, 309 Westview Ave – Light rail is a great thing but there are some traffic
131 concerns. Ms. Bach suggested completing the paper street on Christie Heights and perhaps
132 two way traffic in and out of the high school.

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134 Jason Kim, Deputy Mayor Palisades Park congratulated Mr. Pak on his appointment.

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136 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue thanked the Transit Committee for their work. Mr.
137 Maxwell congratulated Mr. Pak on his appointment. Mr. Maxwell asked why the residents

138 were not notified that PSE&G was going to do tree work. Councilman Hawkins stated that
139 at a meeting with Senator Weinberg the chief complaint was the lack of communication
140 with PSE&G to the public. Mr. Maxwell inquired about the T-Mobile Lawsuit. Mr. Giblin
141 reported the conference call was postponed.

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143 Vivian DeMarco, Magnolia Place; Mrs. DeMarco spoke about cars making the left turn
144 out of the parking lot by Dante's and that they go over the pedestrian walkway.

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146 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue; Mr. Silverstein congratulated Mr. Pak. Mr.
147 Silverstein stated he too has seen drivers exiting over the pedestrian walkway out of the
148 parking lot. Mr. Silverstein also noted there is a light pole that is being overtaken by tree
149 branches. The DPW is not allowed to trim the branches because of the power lines.

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151 Correspondence

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153 Mayor De Simone thanked the Sports Boosters for their \$4,000 donation to the Crew
154 Team and for the new tennis ball shooter and the donation made to the Girls Softball team.
155 Dante's Restaurant also opened up for the Uganda Choir.

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157 **CLOSED SESSION G**

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159 **ADJOURN**

160 Council President Knott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
161 Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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163 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
164 8:45 PM

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167 Respectfully submitted,

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169 Fran Lehmann
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