

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **February 22, 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 7:30pm.*

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, Councilpersons, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak,*
11 *Salmon, Whitter*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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

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19 **Absent:** *none*
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

22 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
23 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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25 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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27 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer questioned Resolution 12-104.

28 Councilman Hawkins this Resolution is to remind the County of their obligations to
29 Leonia in Overpeck Park.

30 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Ave.; Mr. Maxwell asked the status of the T-Mobile
31 conference call. Mr. Giblin reported summary judgment to be heard at the end of March.
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33 Charles Silberstein, 356 Grand Avenue; Mr. Silverstein asked about the IT Committee.
34 Mayor De Simone explained.
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36 **PRESENTATION**
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38 **APPOINTMENT**
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40 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

41 Minutes of February 6, 2012 – A motion was made by Councilman Choi, seconded by
42 Councilman Whitter to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2012 Roll call vote; all in
43 favor none opposed
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45 **RESOLUTIONS**

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47 Resolutions 12-104 and 12-105 - Council President Knott pulled these Resolutions for a
48 discussion.

49 Councilman Hawkins recused himself at this time.

50 Resolution 12-104 - Council President gave a brief history leading up to the resolution.

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52 Resolution 12-105 – Council President Knott supports the appointment of Ryan Maxwell
53 to the IT Committee. Councilman Pak asked the purpose of the Webcasting. Council
54 President Knott explained the capability of IQM2 and the minutes traq and media traq
55 programs.

56 Councilman Pak requested more information regarding resolution 12-104. Council
57 President Knott stated it is reminding them what their commitment to the Borough of
58 Leonia was in 2003.

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60 Resolutions 12-102 and 12-103 – Councilman Hawkins pulled both Resolutions for an
61 explanation. Councilman Choi asked who would be receiving the refund authorized by
62 resolution 12-102. Mr. Terhune explained there were taxes owed on the property the lien
63 was placed on the property at the tax sale. Since that time the property owner has paid off
64 the taxes and the lien. Resolution 12-103 Mr. Terhune explained this is an Interlocal
65 Agreement with Palisades Park for inspection of by the respective building officials. By
66 doing this agreement it eliminates any conflicts that may arise if a member of the
67 Governing Body was doing work on their property or a family member of the construction
68 official is performing work on their property.

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70 Mr. Terhune explained the ADA Ramp project on the side of the Annex the grant that was
71 received was for \$80,000 the project came in at \$81,000. The total money commitment for
72 the Borough is \$1, 000.00.

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74 A motion was made by Council President Knott, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to
75 approve Resolution 12-100 – 12-103 and 12-104 – 12-107. All in favor none opposed.

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77 A motion was made by Councilman Whitter, seconded by Council President Knott to
78 approve Resolution 12-104. Roll call vote Councilpersons Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon and
79 Whitter voted yes. Councilman Hawkins abstained. Resolutions approved.

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82 **Standing Committees**

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84 *Finance Administration & Personnel*- Council President Knott reported the 2012
85 Municipal Budget is close to completion. The tax increase for a home assessed at
86 \$477,039.00 will be \$39.00

87 *Laws & Ordinances* – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee has not met.

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89 *Police* – Councilman Hawkins reported the committee has not met. However,
90 Councilman Hawkins has received a report for 2011 of which he gave an overview.

91 Councilman Hawkins also reported on an underage drinking incident that occurred
92 on Park Avenue.

93 Fire Department – Council President Knott reported that here has not been a
94 meeting. However, one will be scheduled to go over the free medical exams for the
95 fire department that is being offered by Englewood Hospital.

96 Ambulance – Councilman Pak read the report from Englewood Hospital.

97 Public Works – Councilman Choi reported that Mr. Saitta has undergone knee
98 replacement surgery and is currently having out patient physical therapy.

99 Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune the Planning Board will meet next
100 Wednesday, February 29th. The drawings for the work in Overpeck Park are in the
101 conference room if anyone is interested in them. They will be driving piles for the
102 bridge. Mr. Terhune reported he has attended a preconstruction meeting for the
103 basketball courts. There will be a CDBG meeting on Wednesday February 29th in
104 Hackensack. IQM2 has started to design the system. Background checks will now be
105 instituted for anyone over the age of 18 hired by the Recreation Department. The
106 cost is \$8.95 per inquiry. The Recreation Department will assume the cost. The
107 Ordinance will be drafted by Mr. Giblin.

108 Mayor –Mayor De Simone attended Governor Christie’s Town Hall Meeting in
109 Palisades Park with Councilman Choi. Mayor De Simone reported on the death of
110 Sam Coppola a long time resident in Leonia who had appeared in several movies.

111 Special Bodies Councilman Hawkins reported there will be a “Visioning Meeting”
112 of the Green Team on Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00PM at ACS School. The
113 meeting is based on the ANJEC Grant and will be an addendum to the Master Plan.
114 All are invited to attend.

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116 Councilman Choi inquired about the TV Clinic Property Mr. Terhune stated nothing
117 has been submitted in the way of applications in 6 months. The taxes are current.

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119 Councilman Choi inquired about the Leonia Market – Mr. Terhune reported the
120 shelving is all in and installed the refrigeration is in and the new check out counters
121 are in.

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123 Shade Tree –Councilman Salmon asked if there was money for Shade Tree in the
124 budget for planting trees. Mr. Terhune said he believes there is money in the Capital
125 Budget.

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127 Environmental Commission is working on Leonia Day.

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129 Councilman Hawkins inquired how much was in previous budgets for Leonia Shade
130 Tree Commission. Councilman Choi said there was \$2,000.00 in last year’s budget.
131 Mr. Terhune stated there is \$14,000 in Capital Budget for this year. There are no
132 grants from State Forestry. Councilman Hawkins asked about FEMA money. Mr.
133 Terhune stated none for trees but they will pay for a generator for the DPW.

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135 Councilman Pak asked about the change in Ordinance 03-12. Mr. Giblin explained.
136 Councilman Pak asked about the change in Ordinance 04-12 the salary for the
137 Zoning Official. Mr. Giblin explained reason for the change.
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141 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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143 Introduction of Ordinance 04-12 entitled:

144 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 02-12, SALARIES,**
145 **WAGES AND/OR COMPENSATION AND TO ESTABLISH SALARY &**
146 **WAGE RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND**
147 **PUBLIC SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE**
148 **COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE**
149 **YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012**

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151 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by
152 Council President Knott to approve on first reading, Ordinance 04-12.
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154 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter voted
155 yes. Ordinance 04-12 introduced.
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158 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

159 **Adoption of Ordinance 03-12 entitled:**

160 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE**
161 **BOROUGH F LEONIA TITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES" BY AMENDING**
162 **ORDINANCE 46-36D(2)(A).**

163 *Public Hearing*

164 A motion was made by Councilperson ___ Seconded by
165 Councilperson _____ to approve on final reading Ordinance 03-12
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167 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
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169 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

170 NEW BUSINESS

171 CORRESPONDENCE

172 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

173 David Roland 186 Crescent Avenue Mr. Roland asked about the graffiti that was
174 on Park Avenue. Mr. Giblin advised this is an on going investigation and cannot be
175 discussed.
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177 Ingrid Brennan 53 Palmer Place – Mrs. Brennan suggested the Over Peck Preserve
178 be eliminated from the Resolution. Mr. Giblin stated it is not in the Resolution.
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182 Mrs. Brennan would like the Transit Committee's report uploaded on the Borough
183 website.

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185 Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Ave.; Mrs. Roland asked if there was any though that
186 IQM2 would be extended to Planning and Zoning. Council President Knott stated
187 that no one from the Building Department participated in the webinar. Mrs. Roland
188 asked if other committees could be included. Council President Knott said he
189 would like the Administrative offices up and running first.

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191 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer said he agrees with Mrs. Roland.

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193 Councilman Whitter would like to do an assessment of Borough computers. The
194 first meeting of IT Committee is Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30PM in the Borough
195 Hall Conference Room.

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197 Councilman Pak would like the Transit Committee up on the Borough website.

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199 Ingrid Brennan 53 Palmer Place; all the boards, committees and commissions have
200 pages on the website. I have asked to have document presented on the website on
201 behalf of the Transit Committee. Mayor De Simone asked to have the report put on
202 the website.

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204 **CLOSED SESSION**

205 Leonia v Fort Lee

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207 **ADJOURN**

208 Councilman Whitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman De
209 Simone. All in favor none opposed.

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211 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
212 9:57PM.

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214 Respectfully submitted,

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216 Fran Lehmann
217 Borough Clerk