

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 2, 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, Pak,*
11 *Salmon, Whitter*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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

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20 **Absent:** *none*

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22 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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26 **APPOINTMENT**

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28 **PRESENTATION**

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

31 No one spoke.
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33 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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35 **Council Meeting March 19, 2012** - Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman
36 Whitter, made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2012. Roll call vote; all in
37 favor none opposed. Minutes approved.
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39 **Closed Session Minutes March 19, 2012** – Councilman Whitter made a motion to
40 approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 19, 2012, seconded by Councilman
41 Hawkins. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.
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46 **RESOLUTIONS**

47 **Resolution 12-132 (Municipal Budget)** Public hearing on the Municipal Budget for 2012.
48 – No one from the public spoke on the Budget. Councilman Choi inquired about the
49 Capital Improvement line for \$25,000.00. Mr. Terhune explained this is to be used for the
50 down payment on various purchases previously approved and improvements to Oakdene
51 Avenue. Resolution – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 12-132,
52 seconded by Councilman Salmon. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Budget
53 adopted.

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55 **Resolution 12-133– 12-145** Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the
56 resolutions, seconded by Council President Knott. All in favor none opposed.

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58 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

59 Introduction of Ordinance 10-12 entitled:

60 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE**
61 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, ENTITLED**
62 **“POLICE”**

63 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title.**

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65 Councilman Hawkins gave an overview of the Ordinance.
66 Mr. Terhune explained the fee changes.

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68 A motion was made by Councilperson Hawkins, seconded by
69 Council President Knott, to approve on first reading, Ordinance 10-12.

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71 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
72 Voted, yes. Ordinance 10-12 introduced.

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74 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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76 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

77 Councilman Hawkins gave a report on the “Eddie Miller” plaque. A black granite
78 plaque for each dugout will be purchased for \$160.00. Councilman Pak asked where
79 the money would be coming from. Mr. Terhune stated at this time no decision has been
80 made as to which budget line it would be coming from.

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82 **NEW BUSINESS**

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84 Leonia Day – Historical Recognition of the Men and Women of “LVAC” – Council
85 President Knott would like some recognition of the 65 year history of the Leonia
86 Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Council President Knott thought perhaps a tree in the
87 Memorial Garden. Councilman Whitter suggested a plaque on the building. Council
88 President Knott thought a plaque by the Library. Councilman Hawkins reported at one
89 point the Council discussed forming a committee to discuss subjects like this. No property
90 would be named after anyone.

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92 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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94 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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96 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein asked if something could be
97 done to alleviate the noise coming from the manhole in front of 230 Fort Lee Road. Mr.
98 Villareal, who was in attendance at the meeting from the DPW, will address the situation.

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100 **CLOSED SESSION C**

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102 **ADJOURN**

103 Councilman Whitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
104 Choi. All in favor none opposed.

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106 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
107 8:00PM.

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110 Respectfully submitted,

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113 Fran Lehmann

114 Borough Clerk