



BOROUGH OF LEONIA
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
~ Minutes ~

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Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk

Monday, June 25, 2012

7:30 PM

Borough Annex

A Council Work Session Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, Commencing at 7:30 PM

Mayor John DeSimone called the meeting to order.

1. FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Peter Knott	Council President	Present	
Philip Choi	Councilman	Present	
Gil Hawkins	Councilman	Present	
I.S. Pak	Councilman	Present	
Doug Salmon	Councilman	Present	
Darryl Whitter	Councilman	Present	
John DeSimone	Mayor	Present	
Jack Terhune	Administrator	Present	
Fran Lehmann	Borough Clerk	Present	
Lynn Hemmer	Deputy Clerk	Present	
Brian T. Giblin	Borough Attorney	Present	

3. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

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

4. PRESENTATION

5. APPOINTMENTS

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Frank Raucci - 78 Hawthorne Terrace - Beechwood Parking lot, is almost complete. Mr. Raucci thanked the Mayor and Council, Mr. Terhune, Borough Attorney Giblin, Kathy Elliott and Gary Wogish, from Birdsall Engineering.

Mr. Raucci read a portion of Judge Carver's decision regarding the appeal in the SIMA Development Appeal. Councilman Whitter responded to what was read by Mr. Raucci. Mr. Raucci noted an error on the appeal. Mr. Giblin explained that he has sent a letter to the Appellate Judge removing the Board of Adjustment from the appeal.

Ron Chace - 120 Leonia Ave, Chairman of the Board of Adjustments stated the Board of Adjustment stands by their decision 100% .

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Philip Choi, Councilman
SECONDER:	Peter Knott, Council President
AYES:	Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter

8. RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Whitter pulled resolution 12-175 regarding Station Parkway renovations, Administrator Terhune explained that this is one of the last parks project.

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1. RES-2012-169 Authorizing Payment of Bills and Vouchers
2. RES-2012-170 Authorizing Chapter 159 - Library Grant
3. RES-2012-171 Endorsing the Carnival for the Sports Boosters
4. RES-2012-172 Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal
5. RES-2012-173 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Glenwood Avenue Phase II Capital Improvements
6. RES-2012-174 Authorizing Change Order No.1 Borough Hall Annex
7. RES-2012-175 Open Space Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Application

Councilman Whitter asked why this was not in the Council packet. The Borough Clerk explained it was received in the afternoon of June 25th.

Borough Clerk read the resolution into the record as members of the Governing Body did not have a copy of the resolution.

Councilman Whitter asked to review the application. There were no further questions.

9. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Administration and Personnel

Council President Knott reported that the Committee met and personnel issues were discussed.

Laws & Ordinances

Discussed pool passes that Swim pool gives out to needy residents. The Committee agrees with the guidelines set by Superintendent Davidson and only 15 passes will be issued.

Naming Parks - Councilman Whitter reported the Committee agrees with the recommendations after the Commission approves the recommendations they will be sent to the Mayor and Council for approval.

Will meet shortly for dimensions of signage.

Police

Councilman Hawkins read a police report from January to May 2012.

Fire

Councilman Knott reported that the Fire Department has responded to 35 calls for June and there have been 180 call so far for the year.

Ambulance

Councilman Pak read the report from Englewood Hospital. Councilman Pak inquired as to the increase in response time. Mr. Terhune explained the ambulance is not always "sitting" in Leonia some days it may be in Palisades Park, and the response time would increase.

Public Works

Councilman Choi did not have a report from the DPW.

Administrator

Mr. Terhune reported the basketball backboards and nets were improperly installed and were removed on Friday. The large playground in Wood Park is going to be resurfaced. The Leonia Market is scheduled to open on Thursday, June 29th, at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Terhune reported he is in the process of developing a Cooperative Pricing package for the surveillance cameras. There will be three other municipalities involved, Palisades Park, Cliffside Park and Englewood Cliffs. Councilman Pak reported that one of the pieces of equipment in Wood Park has a piece of duct tape over a damaged area.

Councilman Choi inquired about the Fort Lee settlement. Mayor DeSimone reported that he and Mr. Giblin met with Mayor Sokolich and the Borough Attorney from Fort Lee to settle the issues. Leonia residents and merchants will be allowed to pass through the barricades. Fort Lee Police will give as much notice as possible of any closures that may occur.

Mayor

Mayor DeSimone on a meeting he attended regarding the use of surveillance cameras. The cost of the cameras will be less than he originally thought they would be.

Mayor DeSimone attended the Sports Boosters dinner dance over the weekend.

Special Bodies

Councilman Whitter - Economic Development committee has held two meetings the next meeting is scheduled for July 24th. The Committee is looking at several properties around the Borough for development.

Councilman Pak - Recreation Commission - Swim Pool membership up. The summer camp program will have a food program this year. The third and fourth grade girls won the softball championship. Recreation ceiling has falling paint, Borough Administrator is meeting with engineer/and Superintendent Barbara Davidson to see what can be done. Background checks have been done all are good

Councilman Knot - Historic Preservation Mr. Roynon suggested that a local artist be used for the calendar. Mr. Terhune explained the Board of Education generally selects artwork that is used.

10. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**
11. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**
12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
14. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)**

Charles Silverstein- 356 Grand Ave, concerned about the (Spinks) buses that have been in Leonia lately. One pulled through the library parking lot. Mr. Silverstein left out that they were probably avoiding the traffic on Fort Lee Rd.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

16. CLOSED SESSION

1. 2012-7 GPS Monitoring to Track Borough Owned Vehicles/Assets/Inventory

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Councilman Whitter. All in favor none opposed.

A motion was made by Council President Knott, seconded by Councilman Whitter to authorize Mr. Terhune to investigate GPS on all Borough Assets. All in favor none opposed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council President Knott. All in favor none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

As there was no further business before the Governing Body the Meeting was Adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann, RMC
Borough Clerk