

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **February 14, 2011**
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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 Heveran called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor Mary Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Raucci led in the
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Raucci, Choi, De Simone,*
11 *Hawkins, Knott, 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*

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18 **Absent:**
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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 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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26 John Genese, 320 Westview Avenue, inquired if parking was going to be made available
27 for those residents who do not have driveways or parking lots. Mayor Heveran stated that
28 these were questions that would be discussed when Ordinance 01-11 was introduced.
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30 Donna Maxwell, 103 Overlook Avenue, Ms. Maxwell spoke about ordinance 01-11 to be
31 introduced that would prohibit parking on the street when snow covered.
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33 Arthur Zayat, 125 Reldyes Avenue, Mr. Zayat agreed with the ordinance prohibiting the
34 throwing of snow and ice into the streets but disagreed with prohibiting parking on streets
35 when snow covered.
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37 **PRESENTATION**

38 Mr. Harvey Weber, Director of EMS, Englewood Hospital reviewed his report on the
39 number calls Englewood Hospital EMS has responded to. Mr. Weber commended the
40 Police and Fire Departments for their assistance in shoveling walkways so the EMT's
41 could get the equipment into homes. The Governing Body asked questions and thanked
42 Mr. Weber for the presentation.
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44 **APPOINTMENT**

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 7, 2011 – A motion was made by Council President Raucci seconded by Councilman Choi to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

Closed Session Minutes of February 7, 2011 – A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 7, 2011. Roll call vote: all in favor none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 11-61– 11-64

Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-61 – 11-64 seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Resolutions approved.

Resolutions 11-65 –

A motion was made by Councilman Whitter to approve Resolution 11-65 seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote: Councilpersons; Raucci, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Whitter voted yes. Councilman De Simone abstained.

Standing Committees

Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott reported on the progress of the 2011 budget.

Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter reported on the Ordinances listed for introduction.

Police – Councilman Hawkins reported the Committee has not yet had a meeting. Councilman Hawkins read a report from Lt. Det. Rowe regarding summonses and arrests by the police department.

Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported the Fire Committee is scheduled to meet on February 16, 2011. Council President Raucci reported on the progress of Fire Chief Wright.

Ambulance – Councilman Choi would like the report from Englewood Hospital EMS to be posted on the Website.

Public Works – Councilman De Simone reported he met with Mr. Saitta and Mr. Cerbo. There will be a committee meeting in mid March.

Economic Development – Councilman De Simone announced the Committee is meeting in the Library on February 16, 2011 in the Library.

Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune announced that construction has started in Wood Park; the new Leonia bus will be delivered in April; voting district 5 which utilizes the main level of the Annex will be using the lower level this year due to

88 construction on a new ramp; there will be regional meeting of Community
89 Development which Mr. Spiegel will be attending.

90 Mayor –Mayor Heveran explained to all in attendance about a High School Senior
91 recently diagnosed with a rare leukemia and the fund raising efforts for her medical
92 bills. Mayor Heveran reported she attended the retirement dinner for Clair Flynn.
93 The next town hall meeting is March 1st. it will be held in the Borough Hall
94 conference room. There will be a fund raiser for Fire Chief Troy Wright on March
95 13th there are flyers around town. The Capital Budget Planning Committee will be
96 meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd.

97 Special Bodies –Councilman Hawkins read the report on the Library.

98 Councilman Knott reported on a presentation by the Historic
99 Preservation Committee and Civil War Drill Hall.

100 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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102 At this point in the meeting Mayor Heveran read three letters she received regarding
103 Ordinance 01-11.

104 The letters were from Barry Rosenblum, D. Slater and Jean Arbeiter.

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106 Introduction of Ordinance 01-11 entitled:

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108 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 194-9 OF THE CODE OF**
109 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED “NO PARKING SNOW**
110 **EMERGENCIES” AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 194-9A.**

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112 A motion was made by Council President Raucci seconded by Councilperson
113 Whitter to adopt on first reading Ordinance 01-11.

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115 After a lengthy discussion by the Governing Body a second motion was made to
116 table Ordinance 01-11 and send the Ordinance back to Laws and Ordinances for
117 more work.

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119 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to table Ordinance 10-11 seconded by
120 Councilman Knott. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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122 Introduction of Ordinance 02-11 entitled:

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124 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF**
125 **LEONIA TO ADD A SECTION UNDER ORDINANCE 247-17 TITLED**
126 **“REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE” TO BE DESIGNATED AS**
127 **ORDINANCE 247-17B.**

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129 A motion was made by Councilman Whitter seconded by Council President Raucci
130 to adopt on first reading Ordinance 02-11

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132 Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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Introduction of Ordinance 03-11 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA AND SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 194 TITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

A motion was made by Councilman Whitter seconded by Council President Raucci to adopt on first reading Ordinance 03-11

Councilman Choi made a motion to extend the parking on Hillside Avenue by the Laundromat to two hours instead of one hour, no one seconded the motion. The motion died.

Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Arthur Zayat 125 Reldyes – Mr. Zayat feels enforcement is an issue.

Doug Salmon, 220 Harrison Street, feels Sunday should also have alternate side parking. A snow emergency should be declared and anyone who does not park their car in the driveway should be fined.

John Genese, 320 Westview Avenue, Maybe alternate side parking time could be changed to force people to move so both sides of the streets could be plowed.

Sally Klig, 497 Park Avenue, Mrs. Klig reported the DPW went down the middle of the street this needs to be addressed the streets should be plowed curb to curb. Mrs. Klig suggested suspending alternate side parking and people who have driveways should be forced to park in them.

Roland Weimer 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer said he spoke to Time Cable and the Borough retains the rights to the tapes. Mr. Weimer questioned why his protest was not listed in the minutes of January 21st.

CLOSED SESSION

178 Mayor Heveran announced the Council would now go into Closed Session to discuss:
179 *Personnel.*

180 Council President Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by
181 Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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183 **ADJOURN**

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

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187 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
188 9:50PM.

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190 Respectfully submitted,

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192 Fran Lehmann

193 Borough Clerk