

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 4, 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 7:30 pm.*

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:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Jack Terhune, Borough*
16 *Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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18 **Absent:** *none*
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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**
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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

29 Terry McMahan, 128 Gladwin Avenue - The Flag in District 1, at All Saints Church,
30 needs to be replaced.
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32 Steve Hutnick, 262 Leonia Avenue, Tony Kowidge, Broad Avenue, and Dennis Castro,
33 1621 Bergen Blvd. – The gentlemen from the American Legion Post #1 inquired the status
34 of the Club License. Councilman Whitter stated Laws & Ordinances has not reviewed the
35 request. They will meet Tuesday, April 5, 2011 and discuss the request.
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37 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer spoke against paying stand-by duty to
38 the members of the Ambulance Corps.
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40 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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42 **Council Meeting March 21, 2011** – Councilman Choi, seconded by Councilman
43 Hawkins, made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011. Roll call vote; all in
44 favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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46 **Closed Session Minutes March 21, 2011** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by
47 Councilman Choi, made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 21,
48 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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50 **RESOLUTIONS**

51 11-85 Councilman De Simone requested a separate vote.
52 11-86 Council President Raucci would like to discuss the Resolution.
53 Council President Raucci gave a brief history regarding Resolution 11-86
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55 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-84, 11-86 and 11-87,
56 seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote; all in favor, none opposed. Resolutions
57 approved.
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59 Resolution 11-85 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 11-85,
60 seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Raucci, Choi,
61 Hawkins, Knott, Whitter approved; Councilman De Simone abstained. Resolution
62 approved.

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64 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

65 Introduction of Ordinance 07-11 entitled
66 **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SUSTAINABLE BUILDING STANDARDS FOR**
67 **THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE**
68 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA**
69 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

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71 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Council President Raucci
72 to adopt on first reading, Ordinance 07-11.

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74 Council President Raucci spoke about this Ordinance. Councilman Hawkins explained
75 the Ordinance. Members of the Governing asked questions of Councilman Hawkins.
76 Mr. Bill Russell, 325 Beechwood Place, also explained the Ordinance.

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78 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 07-11 introduced.

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80 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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82 Adoption of Ordinance 06-11 entitled:
83 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE**
84 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC**
85 **RECORDS (§123-32)."**

86 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**
87 **Public Hearing – No one Spoke**

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89 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi
90 to adopt on final reading, Ordinance 06-11.

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92 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 06-11 adopted.
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94 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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96 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 97 a) Litter and related issues (Councilman Knott) –Councilman Knott stated that
98 Broad Avenue and the surrounding streets and parks have a lot of litter. This
99 issue needs addressing. Mr. Terhune stated the High School Environmental
100 Club contacted him to volunteer to clean up litter around town. They are
101 willing to donate their time. They are in need of tools to pick up the trash and
102 bags. Councilman Hawkins spoke about a Grant available through the County.
103 It is for \$300 and they will lend you the tools and supply the bags and purchase
104 lunch if it is for a one time use only. Members of the Governing Body
105 discussed the problem.
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- 107 b) Paper Recycling Program (Borough Administrator) - Mr. Terhune asked the
108 Governing Body if they wished to participate in the program. Members of the
109 Governing Body didn't see a need but asked Mr. Terhune to put a notice on the
110 Borough Website.
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- 112 c) Naming of Fields – Council President Raucci reported on a special meeting held
113 with members of the Recreation Commission to discuss the protocols and process
114 of naming fields. Council President Raucci thanked Superintendent Davidson for
115 gathering information from other municipalities on this issue.
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117 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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119 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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121 Karl Norgaard, 131 Irving Street – Mr. Norgaard inquired on the status with Fort Lee
122 Police Officers denying residents access to Leonia when the bridge is closed. Mr.
123 Norgaard explained a recent encounter with a Fort Lee Police Officer. Mr. Giblin stated
124 they are in default due to the fact they have not responded to the Court Papers.
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126 Rae Kornblitt, 596 Broad Avenue - Ms. Kornblitt spoke about dogs off leash in the
127 children's' area of Dudley Allen Park. She also noted that people are allowing their dogs
128 to climb on tables and people are putting the small dogs on the swings.
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130 John Genese, 320 Westview Avenue - Mr. Genese stated he sees not only residents using
131 the receptacles on Broad Avenue for trash, but also merchants.
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133 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue - Mrs. Peters spoke about the Edward Miller dedication in
134 Sylvan Park. Council President Raucci responded.
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136 Bob Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace - Mr. Leap spoke about the meeting with members of the
137 Council and Recreation Commissioners.

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139 Councilman Hawkins spoke about the capability of the Governing Body naming the
140 various parks.

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142 **Resolution 11-88** - Councilman Hawkins made a motion to have a plaque that will live in
143 perpetuity telling the Edward Miller Story in the proper dugout and create a Memorial
144 Park in Wood Park, seconded by Councilman Raucci contingent on the Certification of
145 Funds by the CFO. Councilman Knott clarified the Memorial Garden presented by Justin
146 Ziegler. Councilman Whitter agreed that it should be a memorial garden. Councilman Choi
147 agreed. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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149 **CLOSED SESSION D**

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151 Litigation (Borough Attorney)

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153 **ADJOURN**
154 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
155 Choi. All in favor none opposed.

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157 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
158 9:22PM

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161 Respectfully submitted,

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163 Fran Lehmann
164 Borough Clerk