

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **May 16, 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:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough*  
16 *Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Lynn Hemmer, Deputy*  
17 *Borough Clerk, Myrna Becker, CFO*

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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 Pastor Niederer - Holy Spirit Church – Pastor Niederer spoke about the objections to a  
28 Club License. Pastor Niederer stated the Church will not grant a waiver.  
29 Council President Raucci asked the Borough Attorney if it was measured from any door or  
30 the front door. Mr. Giblin stated he would have to look at the statute to see if there is a  
31 specific way to measure it.  
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33 Steve Hutnick – 262 Leonia Avenue; Mr. Hutnick thanked Council President Raucci  
34 publicly. Council President Raucci contacted him that there was a veteran in town who  
35 was on the verge of losing his home and was there anything the American Legion could  
36 do. The Post contacted the gentleman, and signed up to the Post contact, Post 170 in  
37 Rochelle Park. The American Legion paid his back rent and the man is not homeless.  
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39 **PRESENTATION**

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41 **APPOINTMENT**  
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45 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

46 Minutes of May 2, 2011, – A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by  
47 Councilman Choi to approve the Minutes of May 2, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none  
48 opposed.

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50 **RESOLUTIONS**

51 Councilman De Simone requested Resolution 11-118 and 11-119 be held for a separate  
52 vote.

53 Mayor Heveran added Resolution 11-123 to the agenda and asked the Borough Clerk to  
54 read the resolution for all in attendance.

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56 Mayor Heveran asked for Resolution 11-122 to be held for after Closed Session.

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58 **Resolution 11-111 through 11-117, 11-120, 11-121 and 11-123** Councilman Choi made a  
59 motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions, seconded by Council President Raucci.  
60 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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62 **Resolutions 11-118 and 11-119** – Councilman Choi made a motion to approve  
63 Resolutions 11-118 and 11-119, seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote;  
64 Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Whitter voted yes. Councilman De  
65 Simone abstained. Resolutions approved.

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67 **Standing Committees**

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69 Finance Administration & Personnel- no report

70 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee met with Fire  
71 Marshal Dave Haenelt to discuss the fines for Fire Prevention. A new ordinance will  
72 be prepared and introduced with the new fees to take effect on September 11, 2011.  
73 Councilman Whitter explained that Mr. Haenelt sends out the 2012 bills in  
74 September. The new fees will be collected for 2012. The BCUA bills were sent out  
75 for commercial properties. The Club License for the American Legion was  
76 discussed. Councilman Whitter would like to have a meeting with the Committee for  
77 the American Legion, members of the Laws and Ordinances, and Fire Prevention.

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79 Police – Councilman Hawkins reported on the resolution that Chief Zeigler is  
80 applying for under the 2011 COPS Hiring and Recovery Program. Councilman  
81 Hawkins also reported that Chief Zeigler is looking into sharing services with two  
82 other municipalities for new radios to be funded through the prosecutor’s office.  
83 Councilman Hawkins reported on arrests made at Direct Meds and break-ins at the  
84 Lakeview Apartments.

85 Council President Raucci commended Detective Lt. Rowe and Detective Mikitarian  
86 for their handling of the case regarding the break-ins at Lakeview Apartments.

87 Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported the members of the Fire  
88 Department are still training on the new truck.

89 Ambulance – Councilman Choi requested the report from Englewood Hospital be  
90 made part of the Minutes when posted on line.

91 Public Works – Councilman De Simone reported that he has met with Mr. Saitta and  
92 the Memorial Day Parade route will be spotless and the parks will be cleaned up as  
93 well.

94 Borough Administrator - Mr. Terhune thanked the Finance Committee, and Mrs.  
95 Becker for their work on the Municipal Budget. The County Budget will not go up  
96 for 2011. Glenwood Avenue seeding and cleaning has been completed. The lighting  
97 in Wood Park should be completed and working by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The solar panels have  
98 been installed at the DPW and the work at the pool will be completed by Memorial  
99 Day. Nothing has been heard yet on the ANJEC Grant.

100 Mayor –Mayor Heveran congratulated Jane Wilson, Martha Lieblich, the DPW, Fire  
101 Department and the Police Department for an abbreviated Leonia Day. Mayor  
102 Heveran spoke about the Memorial Brick Garden Mayor Heveran, Councilman  
103 Choi, Councilman Knott and Councilman De Simone attended the Senior Luncheon  
104 on May 5<sup>th</sup>. May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and Mayor Heveran and the Governing Body  
105 will be marching in the parade. Mayor Heveran invited everyone to attend the Fire  
106 Department Memorial Service at 9:00AM on Memorial Day. Mayor Heveran  
107 reported that the Borough was in receipt of a check for \$500.00 from Vozza Agency  
108 for a Bronze Award for Safety in the Borough Buildings. Mayor Heveran reported  
109 the Women’s Rights Information Center is sponsoring a Vet to Vet Meet and Greet  
110 on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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113 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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115 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

116 Adoption of Ordinance 07-11 entitled:

117 **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SUSTAINABLE BUILDING STANDARDS**  
118 **FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN**  
119 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA**

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121 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

122 **Public Hearing – No one spoke**

123 Council President Raucci made a motion to table Ordinance 07-11, seconded by  
124 Councilman Knott. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, De Simone, Knott and  
125 Whitter voted yes. Councilman Hawkins voted no. Ordinance 07-11 has been tabled.

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127 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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129 **NEW BUSINESS**

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131 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Rae Kornblitt, 569 Broad Avenue; Ms. Kornblitt spoke about the dogs off leash at Dudley Allen Park.

Steve Hutnick, 262 Leonia Avenue; Mr. Hutnick briefly spoke about the club License.

Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace; Mr. Leap expressed concern about the solar panels being installed on time in the parking lot of the pool before it opens on Memorial Day. Mr. Terhune assured him they would be completed on time.

**CLOSED SESSION (G)**

Council President Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilman Knott. All in favor.

**OPEN SESSION**

Resolution 11-124 - Councilman Hawkins made a motion to deny the Grievance of Police Officer Heather Murphy, seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

**ADJOURN**

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

As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann  
Borough Clerk