

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **August 1, 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, Lynn Hemmer,*  
17 *Deputy Borough Clerk*

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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 **PRESENTATION**  
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27 Chief Ziegler and Mr. Quartarolo gave a presentation regarding the “Crime in America  
28 Resource Program.” Members of the Governing Body asked questions. After a brief  
29 discussion the Governing Body felt it was a program worth instituting.  
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31 **APPOINTMENTS**  
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33 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

34 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer spoke about the new LTA Website.  
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36 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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38 Council Minutes July 6, 2011 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve as  
39 amended the Minutes of July 6, 2011, seconded by Councilman Choi. All in favor none  
40 opposed.  
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42 Closed Session Minutes June Session, July 6, 2011 – Council President Raucci, seconded  
43 by Councilman Choi. All in favor none opposed.  
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**RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Knott asked for discussion on Resolutions 11-162 and 11-163

Councilman Choi asked for an explanation of Resolution 11-157. Councilman Choi asked for an explanation of the roles of the two representatives. Mr. Terhune explained the process. Councilman Whitter asked if there was a way to have the CDBG area changed. Mr. Terhune reported no, this is based on the census. Mr. Terhune stated there are some areas where ADA curbs need to be addressed.

Resolutions, - Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the Resolutions 11-1156 – 11-166; Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

Introduction of Ordinance 10-11 entitled;

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED “VOLUNTEER SERVICES”**

**(Borough Clerk read by title)**

A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilperson Choi to adopt on first reading Ordinance 10-11.

**ROLL CALL;** Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, De Simone, Knott, Whitter voted yes. Councilman Hawkins Abstained. Ordinance Introduced.

Introduction of Ordinance 11-11 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED “PARKING, OFF STREET”**

**(Borough Clerk read by title)**

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

**ROLL CALL;** Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, De Simone, Hawkins, Knott, Whitter voted yes. Ordinance 11-11 adopted.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Complete Streets (Mayor Heveran) - Mayor Heveran deferred to Mr. Terhune. Mr. Terhune explained that “Complete Streets” is part of the DOT Aid program. The deadline is September 23, 2011 for application submissions. This leaves two meetings. Councilman Hawkins asked if funding would be available for cameras.

91 Mr. Terhune said not this type of request would have to come out of Homeland  
92 Security finds. Councilman Knott asked if sidewalks could be done where there are  
93 not any in the area, specifically regarding Dudley Allen Park. Mr. Terhune said that  
94 this a possibility.

- 95 b) CDBG (Mr. Terhune) - Mr. Terhune reminded everyone that the deadline for  
96 grants for CDBG is October 7, 2011.
- 97 c) JOP-TV Clinic (Mayor Heveran) - Mayor Heveran reported the checks for JOP-TV  
98 Clinic have been delivered and the Developers agreements have been signed. The  
99 only missing payment is for the BCUA connection. Mayor Heveran also  
100 announced that the bids for Gladwin Avenue and the Broad Avenue Parking lot  
101 will be accepted on August 30, 2011.
- 102 d) Update on Commercial Properties (Council President Raucci) -  
103 133 Fort Lee Road developer's agreement has also been signed. The demolition of  
104 108 Grand Avenue has been completed. The Parkway Toyota site is scheduled for  
105 demolition and they are looking for suggestions for rebuilding the site. The Kazmir  
106 property was memorialized on Thursday, July 28, 2011.  
107 Councilman Hawkins inquired how long a property may remain undeveloped. Mr.  
108 Giblin reported there is no state law governing how long it can remain  
109 undeveloped. The taxes would change on October 1, 2011. Typically a date is in the  
110 developer's agreement that states they have a certain amount of time to start  
111 construction once a demolition occurs. Leonia Market is trying to finalize  
112 contractors and pull permits.
- 113 e) Club License (Borough Clerk, Fran Lehmann) - The Borough Clerk reported that  
114 the members who needed fingerprints have gone to the Police Department to have  
115 them done. The Borough Clerk asked if any members of the Governing Body had  
116 any objections with moving forward with the application. None of the members  
117 had any thing further to discuss. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting  
118 and the ordinance will be filed with ABC.
- 119 f) Sculpture (Jack Terhune) - Mr. Terhune asked how the Governing Body would like  
120 to proceed with the latest sculpture presented for the Sculpture Garden. A copy  
121 was included in everyone's packet. Members of the Governing body voiced their  
122 opinions and after a discussion, agreed to allow the sculpture.

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124 **NEW BUSINESS**

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126 a) E Revival Proposal (Mr. Terhune) - Mr. Terhune reviewed the proposal with the  
127 Governing Body. After a discussion, the Governing body agreed to try Option 1 on  
128 a trial basis. This will allow resident to dispose of electronic equipment at the  
129 DPW.
- 130 b) Press Release-Senator Loretta Weinberg (Mayor Heveran) - Mayor Heveran  
131 reported on a press release from Senator Loretta Weinberg regarding a new  
132 prescription drug price comparison website. Councilman Hawkins stated there is a  
133 program through the County for discount prescriptions.
- 134 c) Site Line Visibility (Council President Raucci) - Council President Raucci stated  
135 he has been receiving complaints from residents about not being able see due to  
136 overgrown bushes. There are issues with sidewalks where people have to walk in

137 the street because bushes are overgrown, forcing pedestrians to move into the  
138 street. Council President Raucci would like Laws and Ordinances to meet along  
139 with Mr. Giblin and prepare a draft ordinance for everyone to review.  
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141 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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143 Mayor Heveran read a thank you card from Fran Yandoli. The  
144 Fire Department Wet down will be August 27, 2011, at Station Parkway.  
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146 Mr. Terhune reported he has been approached by a company that has expressed interest in  
147 putting up a billboard which could generate \$50,000 annually. The property in question is  
148 on the north side of 95. Mr. Terhune would like the permission of the Governing Body to  
149 negotiate with the company. The Council authorized him to proceed with the negotiations.  
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151 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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153 Mrs. Terry Tietjen, 134 Palisades Avenue. Mrs. Tietjen said the pot holes on Palisades  
154 Avenue have been filled; the Toyota property has been cleaned up; however, 176 Fort Lee  
155 Road has done nothing. It is an eyesore and they do not allow their tenants to park in the  
156 back on the lot. They are forced to park on Palisades Avenue. Mrs. Tietjen spoke against  
157 the sculpture.  
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159 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Wood Ridge Place. Mr. Liberatore inquired about the “EZ Rental  
160 property.” Mayor Heveran stated it was approved. Mr. Liberatore spoke about the ANJEC  
161 Grant; Mr. Liberatore thanked Council President Raucci for the update on the commercial  
162 properties. Mr. Liberatore asked if there was anyway to make sure that a developer had the  
163 funds to develop the property he has approval on? Mr. Giblin responded to his question.  
164 Liberatore feels the Borough calendar holds more information than the presentation that  
165 took place earlier in the meeting.  
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167 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue. Mr. Silverstein reported two motorized  
168 wheelchairs have gotten stuck because of the sidewalks. He assisted one and another lady  
169 assisted the other one. This area needs to be addressed. Mr. Silverstein inquired with the  
170 severe heat, is there anyway for a non-member to have access to the pool. Mayor Heveran  
171 suggested he contact Superintendent Davidson.  
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173 Rae Kornblitt, 596 Broad Avenue. Mrs. Kornblitt spoke about off leash hours in Dudley  
174 Allen Park and asked the Governing Body to rescind the Ordinance.  
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176 Mrs. Harriet Habib-Pucca, 411 Broad Avenue. Mrs. Habib-Pucca asked about the  
177 billboard. Mr. Terhune explained that approval would be needed before it could be  
178 installed. Mrs. Habib-Pucca spoke about the sculpture. She also inquired about white  
179 goods. Mr. Terhune reminded her that the doors on refrigerators and freezers must be  
180 removed and suggested she contact the DPW.  
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182 Tony Kowidge, 419 Broad Avenue. Mr. Kowidge thanked the Mayor and Council for their  
183 support for the craft fair and the car show and also for their support for the Club License.

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185 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace. Mr. Leap, Chairman of the Pool Committee, said the  
186 pool cannot be opened to the public on extremely hot days. Mr. Leap reported that the  
187 summer swim team came in second in the League Championships.

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189 Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Avenue. Mrs. Roland feels the plantings on the strip where  
190 there are no curbs are an asset. Mrs. Roland spoke about the proposed new artwork. It  
191 should be looked at judiciously. Mrs. Roland suggested a “Zip Car” dealership be put in  
192 the Toyota lot.

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194 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue. Mr. Weimer spoke about the sculpture and the  
195 Closed Session Minutes.

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197 **CLOSED SESSION J**

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

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201 **ADJOURN**

202 Council President Raucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman  
203 Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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205 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
206 9:53 PM

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209 Respectfully submitted,

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213 Fran Lehmann  
214 Borough Clerk