

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **March 15, 2010**
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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 Norgaard led in the
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Norgaard, Brennan, Choi,*
11 *Hawkins, Knott, Raucci*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Jack Terhune, Borough*
16 *Administrator, Lynn Hemmer, Deputy Borough Clerk, Myrna*
17 *Becker, CFO*

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19 **Absent:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*
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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 Arthur Bergman, 24 Meadowview Ct – Relinquished his time as President of the Condo
28 Association to allow Mr. Day to speak.
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30 James Day, 6 Meadowview Ct – Mr. Day asked to have the press box built on the first
31 base side of the ball field so as not devalue condo property.

32 Councilman Raucci stated it is not the first base line that is desirable, but the third base
33 line.
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35 **APPOINTMENT**
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37 **PRESENTATION**
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39 Chief Jay Ziegler – Jitney Buses – Chief Ziegler explained what he has done to curb the
40 idling of the jitney buses on Broad Avenue and the side streets. Three summonses were
41 issued. If one is stopped for traveling on a side street in a vehicle over 4 tons the fine is
42 \$400 for the first offense and increases with each additional summons. The Governing
43 Body asked questions of the Chief.
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45 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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47 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

48 Introduction of Ordinance 02-10 entitled:

49 **MUNICIPAL BUDGET COLA INCREASE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH**
50 **A CAP BANK**

51 **Deputy Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.**

52 **Motion** Councilman Raucci, seconded by Councilman Hawkins made a motion
53 adopt on first reading Ordinance 02-10.

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55 Myrna Becker, CFO, explained the Ordinance to the Governing Body and the
56 public.

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58 **Roll call:** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
59 yes. Ordinance 02-10 introduced.

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61 Introduction of Ordinance 03-10 entitled:

62 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-06 AND TO**
63 **ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF A TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
64 **AND SET THE SALARY RANGE THEREOF**

65 **Deputy Borough clerk read the Ordinance by title.**

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67 **Motion:** Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Knott made a motion to
68 adopt on first reading Ordinance 03-10.

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70 The Governing Body discussed the job description of the Officer.

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72 **Roll call:** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
73 yes. Ordinance 03-10 introduced.

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75 **RESOLUTIONS**

76 Council President Norgaard asked to have Resolutions 10-130 held for discussion.

77 Council President Norgaard inquired where the back-up for the resolution was. Mr.

78 Terhune suggested the Resolution be held for next meeting.

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80 Councilman Raucci asked to have Resolution 10-133 held for discussion. Councilman

81 Raucci and other members of the Governing Body spoke in favor of the fire truck

82 purchase.

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84 **Resolutions 10-123 – 10-129 – 10-131-**Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman
85 Choi made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions.

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87 **Roll Call vote:** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
88 yes. Resolutions approved.

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91 **Standing Committees**

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93 Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott gave a report on the
94 Meeting held on March 9th, regarding the 2010 budget.

95 Laws & Ordinances – Council President Norgaard reported on the meeting held by
96 Laws and Ordinances Committee.

97 Police – Councilman Raucci gave a report on the expectations of the work force with
98 the retirement of Sgt. Carlson.

99 Fire Department – Councilman Choi stated for the month of February there were 38
100 calls.

101 Ambulance – Councilwoman Brennan reported there were over 600 calls for the year
102 2009. The Corp. is in need of day help.

103 Public Works – Councilman Hawkins reported on a problem with on street parking
104 during the snowstorms and issues with work done by PSEG on Paulin Boulevard.

105 Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune handed out a letter he sent to Public Service
106 and he reported on garbage bids and the preconstruction meeting for Sylvan Park.
107 Preliminary plans for Wood Park are in his office.

108 Mayor – Mayor Heveran attended Mayors Legislative Day on February 24th. Mayor
109 Heveran reported that Former Mayor Robert Pacicco was inducted into the Elected
110 Officials Hall of Fame. She also discussed the Town Hall Meeting held on March
111 2nd, gas powered leaf blowers, liquor licenses and NJ Transit. Next Town Hall
112 Meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

113 Special Bodies – Councilman Hawkins reported on the Economic Development
114 Committee meeting held on March 10th.

115 Councilman Hawkins reported on the Green Team meeting held on March 11th.

116 Councilman Hawkins reported on the Environmental Commission meeting.
117 Arbor/Earth Day is May 16th.

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119 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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121 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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123 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 124 a) Review of Stand-by Duty - Councilman Raucci spoke about stand-by duty
125 of the emergency services. Mayor Heveran suggested a meeting be held
126 between Laws & Ordinances, Fire and Ambulance Liaisons.

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129 Mr. Giblin asked for a separate vote on the Municipal Budget. Councilman Hawkins made
130 a motion, seconded by Council President Norgaard to introduce the Municipal Budget. All
131 in favor none opposed.

133 **CORRESPONDENCE**

134 Mayor Heveran reported on a letter received from Etta Ehrlich who commended the
135 Ambulance Corps.

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137 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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139 **CLOSED SESSION**

OPEN SESSION

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142 **Resolution 10-134** Councilman Raucci made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the
143 agreement for the Yamato Property, seconded by Councilman Hawkins.

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145 **Roll Call Vote;** Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted yes.
146 Resolution approved. Councilwoman Brennan abstained.

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148 **ADJOURN**

149 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
150 Choi. All in favor none opposed

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152 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
153 9:28 PM.

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155 Respectfully submitted,

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157 Fran Lehmann
158 Borough Clerk