

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 19, 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 7:30 pm.*

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, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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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 **PRESENTATION**
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26 Mayor Heveran made a presentation to Corporal Ponsi on his retirement. Councilman
27 Raucci spoke about Corporal Ponsi. Chief Ziegler also spoke about Corporal Ponsi.

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29 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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31 Retired Corporal, Carmey Cross, 312 Broad Avenue – Retired Corporal Cross spoke about
32 various incidents he and Corporal Ponsi handled while on the Leonia Police Department
33 together.

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35 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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37 Council Meeting, April 5, 2010 – Councilman Hawkins, made a motion to approve the
38 Minutes of April 5, 2010, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

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40 Closed Session April 5, 2010 – Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
41 Choi made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 5, 2010. All in favor
42 none opposed.
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45 **RESOLUTIONS**

46 Council President Norgaard asked to have Resolutions 10-144 and 10-146 held for
47 discussion.

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49 Council President Norgaard stated he went to the property in question and feels the
50 Borough should consider selling the property. Mr. Giblin explained if the property is to be
51 sold it has to be auctioned. Mr. Giblin also stated an amendment could be added to the
52 current resolution stating it is a temporary license and the Borough is considering selling
53 the property.

54 The Governing Body discussed the possibility of selling the property. Council President
55 Norgaard made a motion to amend Resolution 10-144 to reflect the changes discussed by
56 the Governing Body.

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58 Resolution 10-146 – Council President Norgaard inquired if the contract could be
59 readvertised. Councilman Hawkins spoke in favor of keeping the present contractor.
60 Councilman Raucci also spoke in favor keeping the present contractor. Mr. Terhune
61 reported it would cost money to readvertise an RFP for the maintenance of Sylvan Park
62 and there is no guarantee it would come in less.

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64 **Resolutions 10-145 – 10-147**-Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Choi
65 made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions.

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

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70 **Standing Committees**

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72 Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott gave a report on the 2010
73 budget.

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

76 Police – Councilman Raucci gave a report.

77 Fire Department – Councilman Choi stated for the month of March there were 51
78 calls. The Fire Committee is reviewing stand-by duty.

79 Ambulance –Councilwoman Brennan reported on the Ambulance Corps and
80 problems they are currently facing during the day.

81 Public Works – Councilman Hawkins reported on a problem with on street parking
82 during the snowstorms. Councilman Hawkins also reported on a meeting held by the
83 DPW Committee.

84 Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune reported that Sylvan Park is completed. Mr.
85 Terhune also reported on the letter sent to the BPU regarding the solar panels and the
86 requested extension on the grant money for the solar panels.

87 *Mayor* – Mayor Heveran reported on the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by
88 the Recreation Department. Mayor Heveran also spoke about Saturday in the Park in
89 Dudley C. Allen Park on Saturday, May 1st. Mayor Heveran told everyone
90 assembled that refreshments will be sponsored by the Recreation Department,
91 donations for new shrubs and plants are coming from T. J. Storff Landscaping, and
92 Metropolitan Plant Exchange; and Kwanzan Cherry Tree from Rainbow
93 Landscaping, Oakland, NJ. Mayor Heveran reported on the Opening Day Parade for
94 baseball and softball. The next Town Hall Meeting will May 5th, at ACS.

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96 *Special Bodies* – Councilman Hawkins reported that at the Leonia Day Celebration
97 on May 16th there will be a truck on hand to take old electronics. There will
98 however be a \$5.00 charge for televisions.

99 Councilman Hawkins reported that Mr. Paul King has resigned from the Green
100 Team and they are looking for a replacement. The Green Team had a meeting on
101 April 15th.

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103 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

104 Introduction of Ordinance 06-10 entitled:

105 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF**
106 **LEONIA BY CHANGING EXISTING SECTIONS 232-3 F (1)**

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108 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilperson
109 Raucci to approve on first reading Ordinance 06-10.

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111 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci
112 voted yes. Ordinance 06-10 introduced.

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114 Introduction of Ordinance 07-10 entitled:

115 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 49-4 TITLED “TABLE OF**
116 **ORGANIZATION” BY DELETING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 49-4**
117 **AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ORDINANCE 49-4, “TABLE OF**
118 **ORGANIZATION”.**

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120 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
121 Raucci to approve on first reading, Ordinance 07-10.

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123 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci
124 voted yes. Ordinance 07-10 introduced

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126 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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128 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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130 **NEW BUSINESS**

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132 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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136 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

137 Alexander McMahan, 128 Gladwin Avenue – He spoke to the Governing Body regarding
138 a proposed fund raiser for the American Legion. The Governing body discussed the
139 proposed fund raiser and agreed to put a resolution on for the next meeting.

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141 Betty Carrillo, Sylvan Avenue, Library Board of Trustees Chairperson – Mrs. Carrillo
142 spoke about the cuts to the Library budget and what it means for the Library in hours to be
143 open.

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145 Deborah Bigelow, Director Leonia Library also spoke on the budget cuts to the Library.

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147 Alexander McMahan, 128 Gladwin Avenue –He requested the Governing Body to
148 approve the request sooner than the next meeting.

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150 Tony Kowidge 419 Broad Avenue – Mr. Kowidge explained the need for the approval to
151 be at this meeting. The Council asked Mr. Giblin to prepare a resolution to be approved
152 after the Closed Session. Mr. Kowidge agreed to pay the stipend of \$25.00 an hour for the
153 Ambulance Corps.

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155 Leonel Morales, 327 Broad Avenue – Mr. Morales spoke about various Borough owned
156 properties.

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158 Leonel Morales, 187 Grand Avenue – Stated the American Legion does not have to pay
159 the stand by fees for their fundraiser to the ambulance corps. Mr. Morales read a letter
160 received from Etta Ehrlich who commended the Ambulance Corps.

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163 **CLOSED SESSION**

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OPEN SESSION

166 **Resolution 10-148** Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve the fundraiser
167 for the American Legion Post #1, seconded by Councilman Choi.

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169 **Roll Call Vote:** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
170 yes. Resolution approved.

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172 **ADJOURN**

173 Council President Norgaard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by
174 Councilman Choi. All in favor none opposed

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176 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
177 10:05PM.

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179 Respectfully submitted,
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181 Fran Lehmann
182 Borough Clerk