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**Council Meeting/Work Session
Minutes
June 7, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm.

Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

Mayor Mary Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Norgaard led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Absent: none

Also Present: Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk

Also Absent: none

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Witmond, 560 Ellingworth Avenue, Englewood – Justin Witmond explained to all who were present that he and friend had been digging along the bank of the Overpeck Creek when they found several objects. Mr. Witmond displayed the articles for the Mayor and Council to see. Councilman Hawkins explained there used to be a landfill in that area and those could be old car parts. Mayor Heveran thanked Justin for sharing his find with the Governing Body.

Roland Weimer – 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer explained there is going to be a Jersey Call to Service Summit in New Brunswick if anyone is interested in attending he has the information.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Heveran appointed Jr. Fire Person Zal Sayari

Mayor Heveran appointed Dominic Rosario to the Mayor's Website Advisory Committee

PRESENTATION

45 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

46 Council Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2010 - Council Hawkins made a motion, seconded by
47 Councilman Raucci to approve the minutes of May 17, 2010. Roll Call vote; Brennan,
48 Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes. Council President Norgaard abstained.

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50 Closed Session Minutes of May 17, 2010 – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by
51 Councilman Raucci to approve the Closed Session minutes of May 17, 2010. Roll Call
52 vote; Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes. Council President Norgaard
53 abstained.

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55 **RESOLUTIONS**

56 **Resolution 10-171** – Councilwoman Brennan asked for this resolution held for discussion.
57 Councilwoman Brennan asked for an explanation regarding the Park Rangers.

58 Mr. Terhune explained this is a seasonal position and the “Police Interns” are being
59 utilized, who collectively will not be working more than 35 hrs per week. There are no
60 benefits and will be paid \$15.00 per hour. They will patrol the parks as well as Broad
61 Avenue and the adjacent parking lots.

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63 **Resolution 10-176** – Council President Norgaard asked for the resolution held for
64 discussion. Council President Norgaard inquired of \$8,000 was a good price for the
65 motorcycle. Mr. Terhune said yes the amount has been checked.

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67 **Resolutions 10-169 through 10-178** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman
68 Choi made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions. Roll call vote all in favor
69 none opposed.

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71 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

72 Introduction of Ordinance 08-10 entitled:

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74 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF**
75 **THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, ENTITLED “PERSONNEL**
76 **POLICIES”**

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77 **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Brennan, seconded by Council President Norgaard
78 to adopt on first reading Ordinance 08-10

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80 **Roll call** vote all in favor none opposed.

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82 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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84 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

85 a) Urbana Survey and Council and Transportation Advisory Committees
86 Comments on Survey (Mayor Heveran and Councilwoman Brennan)
87 Councilwoman Brennan reported the Transit Committee has reviewed survey
88 and sent it back to Mr. Gordon. It should be available for the public shortly.

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91 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 92 a) Rent Control for Seniors (Council President Norgaard) – Council President
93 Norgaard has spoken to many seniors who are requesting the Governing Body look
94 into rent control for the seniors. Laws and Ordinances will meet to review and go
95 over some of the ordinances from other municipalities.
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- 97 b) Rules of Order (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran would like to move presentations
98 and appointments ahead of the first public comments section of the meeting. The
99 members of the Governing Body agreed and asked Mr. Giblin to prepare the
100 amendment and the necessary resolution.

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102 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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104 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

105 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer asked for an efficiency report on the
106 Park Rangers. Mr. Weimer also inquired the need for ordinance 10-08. Mr. Terhune
107 explained that from time to time the JIF makes recommendations regarding personnel
108 policies. The Borough of Leonia’s needed to be updated. Mr. Weimer also feels there are
109 many grammatical errors in the Ordinance.

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111 Charles Silverstein – 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein agreed with Council President
112 Norgaard the seniors do need help with rent control.

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114 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue – Mr. Morales questioned the Personnel Policy
115 Ordinance.

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117 **CLOSED SESSION**

118 Council President Norgaard made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel,
119 seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

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121 **OPEN SESSION**

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123 Mayor Heveran announced the Meeting was now in open session.

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125 The Governing Body discussed employee drinking and whether a memo should be sent to
126 recreation only or all departments. Mr. Giblin will do some research. Mr. Terhune will also
127 review the policy.

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129 Mr. Terhune explained the Leonia Police cannot allocate an officer for the carnival.
130 Bergen County will supply one officer for the carnival each night.

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132 **ADJOURN**

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

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136 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
137 8:43 PM.
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139 Respectfully submitted,
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141 Fran Lehmann
142 Borough Clerk