

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **July 7, 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 (arrived*
11 *7:50), Knott, Raucchi*

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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 **Also 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 **PRESENTATIONS**

26 Mayor Heveran and Councilman Hawkins presented a plaque to Franco Aguilar on his
27 retirement after 25 years of service to the Borough of Leonia.

28 Mr. Aguilar thanked everyone present. Mr. Aguilar said it was a pleasure and an honor to
29 work for the Borough.
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31 Mayor Heveran and Council President Norgaard made a presentation to Mr. Terhune.
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33 Mr. Terhune commended Mr. Aguilar for his work for the Borough. Mr. Terhune stated he
34 could always count on Mr. Aguilar whenever he called the Road Department.
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36 Councilman Raucchi thanked Mr. Aguilar for his 25years of service, and his dedication to
37 Leonia. Before he retired Mr. Aguilar made sure everything was left the way it should be.
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39 Councilman Choi thanked Mrs. Aguilar for sharing her husband with the Borough.
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41 Councilman Hawkins, Leonia has a special DPW. Councilman Hawkins thanked the DPW
42 for all the hard work.
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45 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

46 Tony Saitta, 130 Vreeland Avenue; Mr. Saitta thanked Mr. Aguilar for 25 years of valued
47 service. Mr. Saitta also said Mr. Aguilar will be greatly missed.

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49 Rabbi Gold, Congregation Sons of Israel, 150 Grand Avenue; Rabbi Gold stated that
50 everything Mr. Aguilar did for the Borough he also did for the Congregation and on behalf
51 of the Congregation he thanked the Borough for recognizing Mr. Aguilar's 25 years of
52 service.

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54 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

55 Council Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2010; Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve
56 as amended the minutes of June 21, 2010 seconded by Council President Norgaard. Roll
57 Call Vote; Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes.
58 Councilwoman Brennan was absent. Minutes approved

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60 **RESOLUTIONS**

61 **Resolution 10-186**; Councilman Hawkins asked if this agreement was going to set a
62 precedent. Borough Attorney Giblin stated the phrase could be added to the Agreement.

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64 **Resolution 10-188 and 10-189** – Mr. Terhune explained both of these Resolutions are
65 time sensitive and have to do with Grants that the Borough has received for Wood Park.

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67 **Resolutions 10-182 through 10-190** – Council President Norgaard, seconded by
68 Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions. Roll call
69 vote Councilperson Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes Councilwoman
70 Brennan was absent. Resolutions approved.

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72 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

73 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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75 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

76 a) Standby Duty (Councilwoman Brennan) Councilwoman Brennan referred to a
77 memo that was disseminated. Mr. Giblin said that before any of the noted
78 personnel could receive the stipend there needs to be a certification of funds
79 from the CFO. After a discussion by the Governing Body Resolution 10-192
80 was proposed as follows:

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82 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia
83 hereby authorize stand by pay for the employees per the Memorandum
84 prepared by Mr. Terhune on July 3, 2010, pending certification of funds by the
85 CFO.

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87 Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilwoman Brennan made a motion to
88 approve Resolution 10-192. All in favor none apposed.

89 Councilwoman Brennan stated the Committee has met with Fire and
90 Ambulance and all are in agreement with proposed Guidelines. Mr. Giblin will
91 prepare an Ordinance for the next meeting.

92 Mayor Heveran thanked everyone for all the time they put into working on the
93 guide lines.

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95 b) Cell Tower (Borough Administrator Terhune) Mr. Giblin explained why the
96 quotes should be rejected. Councilman Hawkins would like the new RFP to
97 include a repeater for emergency services,

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99 c) 2003 Harley Davidson (Borough Administrator Terhune) Mr. Terhune
100 explained there was no interest for the motorcycle at \$ 8,000, it will now be
101 reduced to \$5,000.

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103 Councilman Hawkins spoke about the 2% CAP being proposed by Governor
104 Christie and the difficulties this will bring next year.

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106 **NEW BUSINESS**

107 a) CDBG 2001 Grant Application (Borough Administrator Terhune) Mr. Terhune
108 suggested reapplying for the ramp at the Annex. After a brief discussion the
109 Governing Body agreed.

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111 b) NJDOT 2011 Municipal Aid (Borough Administrator Terhune) Mr. Terhune
112 suggested completing Glenwood Avenue to the Palisades Border. Mr. Terhune
113 explained the DOT likes projects that are done in phases and they are more likely
114 to award a Grant for a road that traverses two municipalities instead of one. The
115 Governing Body discussed other options but the majority of the Council agreed to
116 go with Glenwood Avenue.

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118 Councilwoman Brennan asked to discuss the RFP for Ambulance service from 6am to
119 6pm. The Governing body discussed the issue at length. Councilman Hawkins asked if
120 the RFP could be given to all members of the Governing Body before any decisions
121 are made. He would also like the proposals made available for review by all members
122 of the Governing Body. The final decision has been put off for a later date.

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124 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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126 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

127 Ernest Liberatore Woodridge Place Mr. Liberatore encouraged the Green Team to look
128 into Transit Oriented Development.

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130 Mr. Liberatore would like the area around Woodridge Place monitored especially near the
131 churches because cars use the area to avoid the lights. The churches in the area have day
132 care centers.

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134 Peter Massa 91 Ray Avenue; Mr. Massa urged the Council to adhere to the 2% tax CAP
135 recommended by Governor Christie.

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137 Leonel Morales 189 Grand Avenue; Mr. Morales spoke about the Standby Duty
138 Guidelines Mr. Morales feels that more recycling could be done in the parks especially
139 when there are events being held.

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141 **CLOSED SESSION**

142 **ADJOURN**

143 There being no further action before the Governing Body Councilman Raucci, seconded
144 by Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM

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147 Respectfully submitted,

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149 Fran Lehmann

150 Borough Clerk