

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **August 2, 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 Councilman Hawkins led in the
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Norgaard (arrived at 7:35),*
11 *Brennan, Choi 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 **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**
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27 **Chief Jay Ziegler;** made a presentation regarding Station Parkway, Grand Avenue and
28 Christie Street.

29 Members of the Governing Body discussed the suggestions.

30 Borough Attorney Giblin to prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting.
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

33 Arthur Bergman, 24 Meadowview; Mr. Bergman thanked Chief Ziegler for his report. Mr.
34 Bergman suggested no left turn onto Park from Grand Avenue.
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36 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Wood Ridge Place; Mr. Liberatore commended the Chief on his
37 report. Mr. Liberatore also suggested that the area around the two day care centers at the
38 Churches on Leonia Avenue and Wood Ridge Place be monitored. Cars use this as a
39 shortcut when Fort Lee Road is backed up.
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41 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; the Rotary Club will be sponsoring a bar-be-cue to
42 raise fund for the Library it will be held at 4:00pm August 7, 2010 at 329 Moore Avenue.
43 Mr. Weimer suggested making Station Parkway a one-way street.
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45 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue; Mr. Silverstein recommended a right turn arrow
46 and sign on Station Parkway and Grand Avenue. Perhaps in time you could do away with
47 the sign.

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49 Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Avenue; Mrs. Roland does not understand some of the
50 resolutions and inquired about one resolution in particular, regarding the consultant from
51 H2M. Mrs. Roland also questioned the Community Development resolutions. Mayor
52 Heveran explained the resolutions.

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54 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

55 Council Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2010; a motion was made by Council President
56 Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Choi to approve the minutes of July 7, 2010.
57 Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes,
58 Councilwoman Brennan Abstained. Minutes approved.

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60 **RESOLUTIONS**

61 **Resolution 10-196**; Councilman Knott; Asked to have the resolution amended to include
62 the phrase “no increase.”

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64 **Resolution 10-205 Council President Norgaard**; Council President Norgaard questioned
65 the amount being charged. Mr. Terhune reported this amount was lower than the original
66 proposal.

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68 **Resolutions 10-200 Councilman Hawkins**; Councilman Hawkins questioned the
69 resolution, Mr. Giblin explained the reason for doing the resolution.

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71 **Resolution 10-197 Councilwoman Brennan**; Councilwoman Brennan asked for an
72 explanation. Mr. Terhune explained the appointee represents the Borough and hopefully
73 acts to get approval for grants.

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75 Councilman Raucci seconded by Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve
76 Resolutions 10-193 through 10-205. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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78 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

79 **Introduction of Ordinance 09-10 entitled;**
80 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TITLED “VOLUNTEER**
81 **SERVICES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING VOLUNTEER**
82 **EMERGENCY STANDBY GUIDELINES.**

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84 **A Motion** was made by Councilwoman Brennan, seconded by Councilman to
85 approve on first reading Ordinance 09-10.

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87 **ROLL CALL:** all in favor none opposed.

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89 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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91 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

92 a) Ambulance RFP(Councilwoman Brennan) Councilwoman Brennan reviewed
93 the recommendations of the Ambulance Corps Committee regarding day time
94 ambulance coverage. Council President Norgaard asked if the amount the
95 Borough pays can be negotiated. Councilwoman Brennan stated yes. Both
96 Councilmen Knott and Choi both stated this needs to be moved forward.
97 Councilman Raucci stated daytime coverage is tough to cover. The Committee
98 has recommended Englewood Medical Center. Councilman Raucci explained
99 his reasons for choosing Englewood Medical Center. Councilman Hawkins
100 thanked the committee for all the time they put into this decision. There are still
101 some questions. Councilwoman Brennan; the Committee is recommending
102 accepting the proposal from Englewood Medical Center. Mayor Heveran
103 thanked Councilwoman Brennan and the Ambulance Corps. and Fire
104 Department for all their work that went into this.

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106 **Resolution 10-206;**

107 **WHEREAS**, an RFP was advertised for daytime Ambulance coverage and 4
108 proposals were accepted and opened; and

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110 **WHEREAS**, the Ambulance Committee and Fire Commission met and reviewed
111 the proposals and it they recommend the Borough of Leonia accept the proposal of
112 Englewood Medical Center for daytime ambulance coverage with amendments.

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114 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the
115 Borough of Leonia, that they hereby accept the proposal submitted by Englewood
116 Medical Center for daytime coverage in the Borough.

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118 A motion was made by Councilwoman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Raucci
119 to approve Resolution 10-206. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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121 b) Shuttle Bus to Ferry Terminal (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran explained she
122 has been approached by residents asking if there was a way to have a shuttle
123 take them to the ferry? Mayor Heveran stated she talked with the Mayor in Fort
124 Lee. They currently have an agreement with Cliffside Park. This item has been
125 on the agenda in the past. Mr. Terhune reported the Borough has been awarded
126 a grant for a new bus. Perhaps the current one could be utilized as a shuttle to
127 Weehawken to the ferry. The drivers currently receive \$15-20.00 an hour. The
128 service would be for possibly 6 hours a day. The residents would be charged
129 for service. Mr. Terhune said it would not be limited to just Leonia.
130 Councilman Knott this should be something to look into. Councilman Choi
131 people would have to buy a ticket but not a good idea if it costs the Borough
132 any money. Councilman Hawkins stated if this bus is locked up taking people
133 to the ferry it would not be available for taking seniors to the doctors or
134 shopping etc. Councilman Raucci if we could make money on it, perhaps it
135 should be considered. If we do this we would be taking cars off the road.
136 Public transportation is where we are supposed to be going. Councilwoman

137 Brennan not at this time, I do agree with Councilman Raucci it is a green idea.
138 If there is an available bus it should be used around town. Mayor Heveran
139 asked Mr. Terhune to see what we could charge.

140 c) CDBG (Mr. Terhune) – Mayor Heveran deferred to Mr. Terhune. Mr. Terhune
141 reminded everyone that there is a deadline for the submission of the application
142 and would like to know the wishes of the Governing Body or should he submit
143 an application for Glenwood Avenue. The Governing Body agreed to do
144 Glenwood Avenue.

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146 **NEW BUSINESS**

147 a) AT&T Request (Mr. Giblin) Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Giblin to explain
148 the request. After Mr. Giblin explained that AT&T wanted to make their
149 lease payment once a year and no increase the Governing Body agreed not
150 to renegotiate the current contract.

151 b) ISO Report (Mr. Terhune) Mr. Terhune explained there should be a
152 meeting with the Fire Committee, the Fire Chief and himself. Mr. Terhune
153 would also like to have a representative from the company. Councilman
154 Hawkins inquired if the Borough has slipped in its rating does that affect
155 the insurance of the residents of the Borough? Mr. Terhune said he spoke
156 with the Risk Manager and this does not affect the residents but commercial
157 un-sprinkled buildings ratings. Councilman Knott inquired about inspection
158 of commercial buildings. According to the report none were inspected. The
159 report calls for two a year. Mr. Terhune explained that Leonia has a Fire
160 Marshal who is very aggressive and punctual in the inspection of
161 commercial property and multi-family dwellings. Mr. Terhune is going to
162 write a letter in thirty days.

163 c) Bus Stop Relocation Request (Council President) Chief Ziegler resolved the
164 issue in his report.

165 **CORRESPONDENCE**

166 Residents on Gladwin would like a Block Party Permit.

167 Resolution 10-207 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the closure of Gladwin
168 Avenue on September 12, 2010 3:00PM and 7:30PM, seconded by Council President
169 Norgaard all in favor none opposed.

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171 Received a letter for “Volunteer of the Year” Councilman Hawkins nominated Ron Chace.
172 Mayor Heveran reminded everyone that Tuesday August 2, 2010 was “National Night
173 Out”. Broad Avenue will be blocked off between Fort Lee Road to Harold Avenue from
174 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Mayor Heveran urged everyone to attend.

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176 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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178 Laura Gonzalez 181 Leonia Avenue; Ms. Gonzalez explained that it takes 45minutes to an
179 hour each way. The ferry from Edgewater takes you to the Port Authority the ferry from
180 Weehawken goes to Wall Street. The city is where the jobs are. We would not expect the
181 Borough to take them to the ferry. If there was an alternative to that it would make the
182 town more attractive. It is productive use and would make the town more attractive.

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184 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Place; agrees with the progressive idea to move traffic
185 as we have been discussing for several months. Grant dollars are available. Please explore
186 this issue.

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188 Charles Silverstein 356 Grand Avenue; Council President Norgaard brought up the idea of
189 rent control for seniors, Councilman Norgaard suggested the rent control board become
190 active. At this time the Laws and Ordinances Committee is looking into the situation.

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192 Leonel Morales Captain Leonia Ambulance Corps; Mr. Morales spoke about the Stand by
193 Duty Guidelines. Mr. Morales addressed section 5 suggested Captain or Chief or his
194 designee recommended 3 EMT's and the Captain.

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196 Leah Roland 186 Crescent Avenue; thanked the Governing Body for choosing Englewood
197 Medical Center. Mrs. Roland was also very encouraged by the use of the jitney can a
198 survey be put up on the website and how much would you be willing to pay.

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200 Roland Weimer 329 Moore Avenue; even though I do not use the ferry on a daily basis I
201 am married to one who does. Mr. Weimer would encourage doing the survey to find out
202 how many would utilize such a service.

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204 **CLOSED SESSION**

205 **ADJOURN**

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

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210 Respectfully submitted,

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212 Fran Lehmann

213 Borough Clerk