

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **September 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 8:04 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 Mayor Heveran asked for a moment of silence on the passing of Councilman Choi's
11 brother who passed away.

12 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins,*
13 *Knott, Raucci*

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15 ***Council Absent:*** *Councilman Choi*

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

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20 ***Also Absent:*** *none*
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22 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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26 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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28 Arthur Bergman, 24 Meadowview Court; Mr. Bergman thanked d the Governing Body for
29 the traffic adjustment on Station Parkway.
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31 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Place; Mr. Liberatore inquired if an Ordinance that is
32 before the Planning Board has been reviewed the by the Governing Body. Councilman
33 Hawkins stated the Ordinance he is inquiring about has not been presented to the
34 Governing Body at this time. Mr. Liberatore also discussed the Ordinance listed on the
35 Agenda regarding water restrictions. Councilman Hawkins stated the Ordinance was being
36 taken off the agenda for review by the Green Team. Mr. Liberatore noted his
37 disappointment.
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39 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue; Mrs. Peters spoke about the proposed Ordinance for
40 Station Parkway.
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42 Fanny Ballard, 91 Lakeview Avenue; Ms. Ballard inquired about rent leveling and the 5%
43 increase that is levied every year. Ms. Ballard also inquired if it is legal for the landlord to
44 charge a \$500.00 fee to a tenant when they move from one apartment to the other. Mr.

45 Giblin will review the law on this subject. Ms. Ballard said the fee was raised this year to
46 \$1,000.

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48 Judy Schochet, 88 Lakeview Avenue; Ms. Schochet also spoke about the transfer fee that
49 is being charged when a tenant moves from one apartment to another in the complex.

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51 Leonel Morales, Capt of the Leonia Ambulance Corps; Mr. Morales spoke about the
52 ordinance for Stand-by duty.

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54 **APPOINTMENT**

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56 **PRESENTATION**

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58 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

59 Council Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2010-Council President Norgaard, seconded by
60 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of August 2,
61 2010. Roll call vote, Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci
62 voted yes; Councilman Choi absent. Minutes approved.

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64 **RESOLUTIONS**

65 **Resolution 10-218** – Councilman Hawkins requested this resolution be held for
66 discussion.

67 **Resolution 10-216** – Councilwoman Brennan requested held for a separate vote.

68 **Resolution 10-215** – Council President Norgaard requested this resolution be held for
69 discussion.

70 **Resolution 10-208** – Councilwoman Brennan requested held for discussion.

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72 **Resolution 10-215** – Council President Norgaard inquired if this was a new hire. Mr.
73 Terhune explained that this employee has been working for the Borough as a full-time
74 temp for a number of years. This resolution gives him permanent status.

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76 **Resolution 10-218** – Councilman Hawkins stated this is an employee who is being moved
77 from one position to another would like to see probation be for one (1) year. Mr. Giblin
78 stated probation periods must be spelled out in the union contract. Councilman Hawkins
79 made a motion to hold the resolution until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman
80 Raucci. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci
81 voted yes; Councilman Choi was absent.

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83 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

84 **Introduction of Ordinance 09-10 entitled;**
85 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TITLED “VOLUNTEER**
86 **SERVICES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING VOLUNTEER**
87 **EMERGENCY STANDBY GUIDELINES.**

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89 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

90 Council President Norgaard suggested making specific hours for the turns off Station
91 Parkway and Christie Street. Councilman Hawkins agrees with Council President
92 Norgaard.

93 Councilwoman Brennan stated this is a great start. Councilman Knott agreed it can always
94 be reviewed again and changed.

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96 **A motion** was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Raucci to
97 adopt of first reading Ordinance -09-10.

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99 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
100 yes; Councilman Choi was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

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102 Introduction of Ordinance 10-10 Entitled:

103 **BOND ORDINANCE TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE**
104 **BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 01-10) ENTITLED: "BOND**
105 **ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC**
106 **IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE**
107 **ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT,**
108 **IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF**
109 **BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM**
110 **OF \$2,736,760 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE**
111 **VARIOUS GRANTS AND A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION, TO MAKE A**
112 **DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO**
113 **FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**
114 **ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF**
115 **THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

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117 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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119 **A Motion** was made by Councilperson Raucci, seconded by Council President
120 Norgaard to approve on first reading Ordinance 10-10.

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122 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
123 yes; councilman Choi was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

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125 Introduction of Ordinance 11-10 entitled:

126 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 194-43 TITLED**
127 **"SCHEDULE XIV: LEFT AND RIGHT TURNS"**

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129 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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131 **A Motion** was made by Councilperson Hawkins, seconded by Council President
132 Norgaard to approve on first reading Ordinance 11-10.

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134 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted
135 yes; councilman Choi was absent. Ordinance Introduced.

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Volunteer Stand-by Duty Ordinance (Councilwoman Brennan) this item was completed with the introduction of the Ordinance.
- b) Transit Survey (Councilwoman Brennan) the transit survey is still on the Borough website. Councilwoman Brennan thanked everyone who responded for their input. Councilwoman Brennan also thanked Barbara Davidson and Vanessa Marx for making the survey available at the pool. Barbara Davidson also announced it every week on the P.A. system. Dr. Josefsberg also has it on the Board of Education Website. The deadline has been extended to September 15th.
- c) No Right Turn Ordinance Grand Avenue and Station Parkway; Ordinance introduced.
- d) Shuttle to Ferry (Mayor Heveran) Mr. Terhune explained the one hurdle that needs to be considered is what happens if the new bus breaks down and all of these people need to be picked-up either at the ferry terminal or Shop-rite etc. Mr. Terhune is going to contact some of the jitney companies and see if something can be worked out. Councilwoman Brennan does not see a real need for this service. Councilman Knott only one resident, Donna Rodriguez came before the Governing Body requesting the service.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Electronic Motor Vehicle Summonses (Borough Administrator) Mr. Terhune explained that he recently attended a demonstration along with the Court Administrator, Judge DeSheplo, Chief Ziegler and Det. Lt. Rowe. Councilwoman Brennan asked Mr. Terhune to explain how this works. Mr. Terhune stated it is computer generated. When an officer makes a motor vehicle stop and issues a summons it is put directly into the computer in the patrol car. It is automatically sent to AOC (Administrative Office of Courts) and can be paid the same day issued. This would reduce the amount of time it takes entering tickets into the computer. Mr. Terhune is currently in the process of obtaining quotes from other companies.
- b) Water Restriction Draft Ordinance this item was removed from the Agenda by Councilman Hawkins for review by the Green Team.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Fanny Ballard, 91 Lakeview Avenue; Ms. Ballard inquired if a light could be installed at the intersection of Lakeview and Grand Avenue. It is very difficult to cross the street even if you are in the crosswalk the cars do not stop for pedestrians. Mayor Heveran asked Mr.

181 Terhune to have the Police Department monitor the intersection and asked for the sign
182 trailer to be stationed their to remind people they have to yield to pedestrians.

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184 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue; Mr. Silverstein asked why the bus was not in
185 service on Monday, September 6th. Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Terhune to check why it
186 was not in service.

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188 Leonel Morales – Captain Leonia Ambulance Corps; Mr. Morales brought forth his
189 concerns regarding the Ordinance introduced for Stand-by Duty. Mayor Heveran
190 explained the intent of the Ordinance to Mr. Morales.

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192 **CLOSED SESSION**

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

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196 **ADJOURN**

197 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
198 Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

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200 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
201 9:35 PM.

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203 Respectfully submitted,

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205 Fran Lehmann

206 Borough Clerk