

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **October 18, 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, Choi, Hawkins, Knott,*
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13 **Council Absent:** *Councilwoman Brennan*

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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 **APPOINTMENT**
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26 **PRESENTATION**
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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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30 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

31 Councilman Raucchi made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2010,
32 seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi,
33 Hawkins, Knott, and Raucchi voted yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Minutes approved.
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35 Councilman Choi made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 4, 2010, seconded by
36 Council President Norgaard. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins,
37 Knott, and Raucchi voted yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Minutes approved.
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39 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of
40 October 4, 2010, seconded by Councilman Raucchi. Roll call vote: Councilpersons
41 Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucchi voted yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent;
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RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 10-230 – 10-235 – Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-230 – 10-235, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucci voted yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Resolutions approved.

Standing Committees

Finance Administration & Personnel-Councilman Knott stated a Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

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

Police – Councilman Raucci reported the Committee has not met. The plans for dispatching are moving ahead. Mr. Terhune reported that Chief Ziegler and Lt. Rowe met with their counterparts at the County. Councilman Raucci stated the examination and implementation of the twelve (12) hour shift will be in place by January 1st. Officer Perez is back at work.

Fire Department – Councilman Choi stated for the month of August, there were 48 calls, and 42 calls in September.

Ambulance –Councilwoman Brennan was absent.

Public Works – Councilman Hawkins reported the DPW is in good shape. The new recycling containers are out on Broad Avenue.

Economic Development – No meeting was held.

Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune reported that loose leaf pick-up has begun. The Englewood Hospital Ambulance service is going well. Concrete work is done on Linden Terrace and is starting on Glenwood Avenue. The right turn only ordinance is being enforced. The re-bid on the solar panels is scheduled for October 26 at 11:00AM.

Mayor – Mayor Heveran suggested that residents sign up for e-blast. Mayor Heveran reported on the following: September 21, Mayor Heveran attended and spoke at the International Day of Peace. September 26, Mayor Heveran attended the dedication of the Serenity Peace Garden at Holy Spirit Church. This was done as part of an Eagle Scout project. October 2, Mayor Heveran attended the Health Fair which is put together by Aleta Zygiel, the Health Nurse. Mayor Heveran remarked: “...Who does a wonderful job every year putting the health fair together.” On October 3rd Mayor Heveran attended a dinner supporting the Over Peck Preserve. Mayor Heveran reminded everyone that “Treat Street” will be held on October 30th. On November 9th there will be another “Town Meeting” at 7PM at Leonia High School. On November 13th Mayor Heveran will be narrating a concert at the Methodist Church at 7:00PM.

Special Bodies – Councilman Choi attended Chusock over the weekend. He also attended a concert at All Saints Church. The Palisades Rotary held a fund raiser for

88 the Leonia Library the goal was to raise \$1,000. Only \$750 was attained and he
89 would like to extend the collection.
90 Councilman Hawkins reported on the Taste of Leonia he said this event was better
91 than ever.
92 Councilman Knott reported that Historic Preservation has not met since April.

93 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 94 a) Ordinance 12-10: "OB Office Building Zone." Council President Norgaard
95 reviewed the Ordinance. After a brief discussion the Ordinance was introduced.
- 96 b) Ordinance 13-10: Defining "Family." Council President Norgaard explained
97 the reason for this Ordinance. Councilman Choi asked for clarifications
98 regarding Senior family members and grandchildren. Mr. Giblin said they are
99 considered blood relatives, according to the Ordinance. The Governing Body
100 introduced the Ordinance.
- 101 c) Ordinance 14-10: Amending Shade Tree Ordinance. Council President
102 Norgaard reviewed the recommendations of the Committee. The Governing
103 Body introduced the Ordinance.
- 104 d) Ordinance 15-10: Sustainable Building Standards. Mr. Giblin had some
105 changes that he felt needed to be made before this Ordinance could be
106 introduced. He will make the changes and the Ordinance will be reviewed at
107 the next meeting.

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109 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

110 Introduction of Ordinance 12-10 entitled:

111 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 290 OF THE**
112 **ORDINANCES OF LEONIA TITLED "OB OFFICE BUILDING ZONE"**

113 **The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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115 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
116 Hawkins to adopt on first reading Ordinance 12-10.

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118 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucci voted
119 yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Ordinance 12-10 introduced.

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121 Introduction of Ordinance 13-10 entitled:

122 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 290-3 OF THE CODE OF**
123 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "TERMS DEFINED WORD**
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125 **The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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127 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
128 Hawkins to adopt on first reading Ordinance 13-10.

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130 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucci voted
131 yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Ordinance 13-10 introduced.

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133 Introduction of Ordinance 14-10 entitled:
134 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 275 OF THE LAND USE**
135 **ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, TITLED “TREES” TO**
136 **PRESERVE AND REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN THE**
137 **BOROUGH.**

138 **The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

139 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
140 Knott, to adopt on first reading Ordinance 14-10.

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142 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucci voted
143 yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Ordinance 14-10 introduced.

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145 Councilman Raucci does not feel the homeowners should be included in the
146 Ordinance, as it puts an undo burden on them. Mr. Giblin explained Section C as it
147 pertains to Planning and Zoning Board applications.

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149 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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151 **NEW BUSINESS**

152 a) Shared Services (Borough Administrator) Mr. Terhune explained the
153 Resolution. The Governing Body agreed this should be implemented.

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155 Resolution 10-236 - Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-
156 10-236, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard,
157 Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and Raucci voted yes. Councilwoman Brennan absent; Resolution
158 10-236 approved.

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160 **CORRESPONDENCE**

161 Mayor Heveran read a letter received from Natalie Allen with a donation for \$1,000 to be
162 used for more plantings in the Dudley Allen Park.

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164 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

165 Charles Silverstein – 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein complained to the Governing
166 Body about the loud noise emanating from Overpeck Park over the weekend. Mr.
167 Silverstein asked Council President Norgaard to read the definition of Family. Mr. Giblin
168 explained the law. Mr. Silverstein inquired about the inclusion of the definition of house
169 and home as it would pertain to the Ordinance.

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171 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue, Captain of the Ambulance Corps – Mr. Morales
172 spoke about LEA 3 being taken out of service.

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174 Jane Tappen – 124 Vreeland Avenue – Mrs. Tappen spoke about the treatment of the
175 ambulance corps in recent weeks.

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177 Jim Tappen – 124 Vreeland Avenue – Mr. Tappen spoke about LEA 3 being taken out of
178 service.

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180 John Stendor – 314 Crescent Avenue – Mr. Stendor spoke about LEA 3.

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182 **CLOSED SESSION**

183 Councilman Raucci seconded by Councilman Knott made a motion to go into Closed
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OPEN SESSION

187 A motion was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to
188 authorize the Borough Administrator to advertise for a Court Administrator.

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190 **ADJOURN**

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

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194 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
195 8:30 PM.

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197 Respectfully submitted,

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199 Fran Lehmann

200 Borough Clerk