

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **November 15, 2010**
4

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, Choi,*
11 *Hawkins, Knott, Raucci*

12
13 **Council Absent:** *none*

14
15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

16
17 **Absent:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator*
18

19 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

20 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
21 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
22

23 **APPOINTMENT**

24
25 **PRESENTATION**

26
27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

28
29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

30 Councilman Choi, seconded by Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve the
31 Minutes of November 1, 2010, Roll call vote all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.
32

33 **RESOLUTIONS**

34
35 Councilwoman Brennan inquired about Resolution 10-244 as a follow up to the Ordinance
36 recently enacted by the Governing Body. Councilman Hawkins explained the reasoning
37 behind the Resolution.

38 **Resolutions 10-240 – 10-244** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Raucci,
39 made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions. Roll call vote. All in favor
40 none opposed. Resolutions approved.
41
42
43
44

45 **Standing Committees**

46
47 Finance Administration & Personnel - Councilman Knott reported on the Finance
48 Committee meeting held on October 19th.

49 Laws & Ordinances – Council President Norgaard stated there has not been a
50 meeting of Laws and Ordinances.

51 Police – Councilman Raucci reported the Police Union submitted a proposal for 12
52 hour shifts. The proposal is being reviewed by Mr. Terhune and Mr. Giblin.

53 Fire Department – Councilman Choi had no report.

54 Ambulance – Councilwoman Brennan met on November 12 and reviewed current
55 status.

56 Public Works – Councilman Hawkins had no report.

57 Economic Development – Councilman Hawkins discussed development of the
58 property on Grand Avenue.

59 Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune was absent.

60 Mayor – Mayor Heveran reported on a Gala Benefit she attended on October 31. The
61 Call to Service meeting on November 8 was held at the ACS School. There were a
62 number of High School students in attendance. Mayor Heveran asked anyone who is
63 interested in serving on Boards, Committees or Commissions to fill out the form that
64 is available on the Borough Website and return it to Borough Hall. Mayor Heveran
65 met with Mayor Sokolich of Fort Lee regarding roads that are being blocked and
66 causing congestion on Leonia Borough Streets. Mayor Heveran also reported there
67 will be a meeting with the Mayors of Fort Lee, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs and
68 Debbie Hirt from the DOT. Members of the Governing Body expressed their
69 concerns with the closing of the streets and the affect on the way of life in Leonia.

70 Resolution 10-245 – Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve
71 Resolution 10-245, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

72 Resolution 1-245 reads as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the
73 Borough of Leonia hereby authorizes Borough Attorney Giblin to convey all legal
74 actions available to the Borough so that Mayor Heveran will be prepared for the
75 meeting with the Mayors of neighboring municipalities.

76 Councilman Raucci asked if there was something that could be done at Fort Lee
77 Road and Glenwood Avenue. Mayor Heveran stated she has asked Chief Ziegler to
78 have the officers issue summonses when the road is backed up and the intersection is
79 blocked.

80 Mayor Heveran reported on a conference she attended on, Women in the Military.
81 Mayor Heveran reported on November 13th she read the Carnival of Animals at the
82 Methodist Church to benefit Olaf House.

83 Mayor Heveran reminded everyone the Annual Tree Lighting will be held December
84 3rd. The Annual Menorah Lighting will be held on, December 4th.

86 *Special Bodies* – Councilman Hawkins reported the Committee is looking to update
87 their Webpage. The Green Team is looking for a grant for resident carbon foot print
88 kits. The Green Team is looking to do house tours in the spring of sustainable
89 homes.

90 Councilman Choi reported that circulation is down at the Library as well as
91 attendance and revenues from fund raising.

92 Councilman Knott reported that Historic Preservation has not met since April.

93

94 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

95

96 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

97 Adoption of Ordinance 14-10 entitled:

98 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 275 OF THE LAND USE**
99 **ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, TITLED “TREES” TO**
100 **PRESERVE AND REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN THE**
101 **BOROUGH.**

102

Public Hearing no one spoke

103

The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

104

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

107

108 Councilwoman Brennan asked for a clarification. Mr. Giblin explained the
109 Ordinance.

110

111 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, and
112 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 14-10 introduced.

113

114 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

115 a) 222 Christie Street – Mr. Giblin advised the Governing Body this issue was
116 taken care of and needs no further action.

117 NEW BUSINESS

118 a) Road closures Fort Lee Police Department - No further discussion at this time.

119 b) Ambulance Corps Duty Crew 6PM to 6AM - Mr. Giblin advised this needs to
120 be discussed in Closed Session.

121

122 CORRESPONDENCE

123

124 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

125

126 Stephen Portnoy, 153 Ames Avenue and David Lee, 322 Woodland Place – Both students
127 are members of DECA. They explained to the members of the Mayor and Council of a
128 campaign to stop texting while driving and asked for their support in this project. Mayor
129 Heveran asked Mr. Giblin to prepare a resolution for the next meeting. The program will
130 run the week of December 12-18th. Councilman Knott asked the students to repeat the

131 statistics. There are 1.4 million traffic accidents caused by cell phone use while driving
132 and of those, there are 200,000 as a result of texting while driving.

133

134

135 **CLOSED SESSION**

136 Councilman Raucci seconded by Councilman Knott made a motion to go into Closed
137 Session.

138

139

OPEN SESSION

140

141 Resolution 10-246 - Be it further resolved by the Governing Body, the Borough Clerk is
142 hereby authorized to advertise the RFP for Ambulance Coverage. A motion was made by
143 Councilwoman Brennan and seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

144

145 **ADJOURN**

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

148

149 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
150 10:00 PM.

151

152 Respectfully submitted,

153

154 Fran Lehmann

155 Borough Clerk