

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 6, 2009**

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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 7:35pm*

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8 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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10 Mayor Mary Heveran asked the assembly to stand while Council President Choi led in
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 Mayor Heveran asked for a moment of silence for Nancy Hawkins, mother of
14 Councilman Hawkins who recently passed away.

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16 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard,*
17 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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19 **Council Absent:** *none*

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21 **Also Present:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough*
22 *Clerk, Myrna Becker, CFO*

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24 **Absent:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney*

25 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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30 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.

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32 **PRESENTATION**

33 Mayor Heveran read a portion of a proclamation, proclaiming April as Autism
34 Awareness month.

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36 Presentation to Will Persson – Councilman Hawkins gave an overview of platform
37 tennis. Mayor Heveran asked Barbara Davidson, Recreation Director and Councilman
38 Frank Raucci to join her in making a presentation to Will Persson who won the National
39 Championship for platform tennis for his age group.

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41 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

42 Mr. Steve Hutnick 262 Leonia Avenue – Mr. Hutnick thanked the Governing Body and
43 Recreation Department for their assistance in allowing the marker to be placed in honor
44 of Lt. Commander McCloy, a former Leonia resident, who was awarded two
45 Congressional Medals of Honor. Councilman Raucci reported that nineteen members of
46 his family will be present for the ceremony taking place, Saturday, April 11.

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48 Mr. Cliff Eddens – 219 Overlook Avenue – Mr. Eddens expressed his dissatisfaction with
49 area where the dogs are allowed off - leash in Lakeview Park. Mr. Eddens stated there are
50 many people who do not reside in Leonia that use the dog run. Mayor Heveran stated it is
51 not a dog run. It is a park in Leonia and there are specific hours for dogs to be allowed off
52 leash. The Borough has received a grant to improve the amenities in the park.
53 Councilman Hawkins stated it is a park governed by Green Acres rules and anyone who
54 wishes to use the park is entitled too, consequently no one may be excluded. Councilman
55 Hawkins expressed concern about the ability to track cars by license plate numbers.

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57 Mr. Arthur Bergman - 24 Meadowview – Mr. Bergman presented to the Governing Body
58 suggestions for traffic flow on Station Parkway.

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60 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

61 Council Meeting – March 16, 2009 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the
62 minutes, seconded by Council President Choi. Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Choi,
63 Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Minutes approved.

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65 Closed Session – March 16, 2009 – Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve the
66 Closed Session Minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll Call vote;
67 Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
68 Minutes approved.

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70 **RESOLUTIONS**

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72 Resolutions 09-94 and 09-98 were pulled for discussion by Councilman Puzzo.
73 Councilman Puzzo explained Resolution 09-94

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75 Borough Administrator Terhune explained Resolution 09-98. Mr. Terhune also asked to
76 add two resolutions to the agenda that came in after the packets were delivered. 09-101 is
77 a Community Development Grant for Woodland Terrace; 09-102 is Change Order #3 and
78 the final payment for AJM Contractors. Mayor Heveran asked to add 09-103, Resolution
79 for Sustainable New Jersey. The Governing Body agreed to add the resolutions.

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81 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to approve the Resolutions 09-90 through 09-
82 102, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call voted Roll Call vote; Councilpersons
83 Choi, Hawkins Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Resolution
84 approved.

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86 Resolution 09-103 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 09-103,
87 seconded by Councilman Raucci all in favor, none opposed.

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89 **Introduction of Ordinance**

90 Introduction of Ordinance 06-09 entitled:

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92 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF**
93 **THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED “PERSONNEL**
94 **POLICIES”**

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96 **Motion** made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Raucci to adopt on
97 first reading Ordinance 06-09.

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99 The Governing Body discussed the Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion the
100 Governing Body amended the Ordinance to remove #1 from Section 2 letter.
101 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by
102 Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed. Ordinance amended.

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104 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
105 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 06-09 introduced.

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107 Introduction of Ordinance 07-09 entitled:

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109 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**
110 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
111 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
112 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$513,300 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF,**
113 **TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN**
114 **PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE**
115 **SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF**
116 **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE**
117 **OF SUCH BONDS.**

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119 **Motion** made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt
120 on first reading Ordinance 07-09

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122 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
123 Raucci voted yes Ordinance 07-09 introduced.

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125 **Adoption of Ordinance**

126 Adoption of Ordinance 05-09 entitled:

127 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE**
128 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, ENTITLED “POLICE”**

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130 **Public Hearing – no one spoke.**

131 **Motion** made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to
132 adopt on final reading Ordinance 05-09

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134 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,
135 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 05-09 adopted

140 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

141 a) Shared Services - Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune
142 reported on a meeting with Palisades Park to build a joint Police
143 Headquarters. There is grant money available to conduct a feasibility study.
144 Mr. Terhune also reported on a meeting he attended and a follow up to that
145 meeting will be held on April 7, 2009. Seven area Business
146 Administrators/Managers will be in attendance to discuss other shared
147 services.
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149 **NEW BUSINESS**

150 a) Change in trash pick-up – Mayor Heveran explained why this was placed on
151 the agenda. The Governing Body discussed various ideas. This item will be
152 placed on the April 20, 2009 agenda.
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154 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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156 Mayor Heveran read a letter from the County Clerk, Kathy Donovan stating the Borough
157 is in compliance with the State of New Jersey Records Committee Image Processing.
158 Mayor Heveran congratulated the Borough Clerk for being apart of the shared services
159 with the County of Bergen.
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161 Borough Administrator Terhune reported that he has received a letter of compliance from
162 the State of New Jersey regarding contract compliance. Mr. Terhune also referred to a
163 letter from the Department of Transportation regarding available funding.
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165 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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167 Mr. Arthur Bergman – 24 Meadowview – Mr. Bergmann asked about the parking for
168 Kulite and if the DPW could straighten the signs that are around the Borough that are
169 leaning. Mayor Heveran reported the Kulite parking matter is before the Planning Board.
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171 Councilman Raucci thanked Mr. Terhune for handling the recent sewer problem at the
172 Recreation Department.
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174 **CLOSED SESSION**

175 A motion was made by Council Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Raucci to go into
176 Closed Session to discuss Parking and White Collar Contract
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178 **ADJOURN**

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180 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All
181 in favor none opposed.
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183 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
184 at 10:15PM
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186 Respectfully submitted,
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190 Fran Lehmann
191 Borough Clerk