

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 20, 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 7:34pm*
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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 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard,*
14 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*
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16 **Council Absent:** *None*
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18 **Also Present:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney*
19 *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator,*
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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 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.
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27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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29 Public Hearing on 2009 Municipal Budget – Councilman Puzzo gave an overview of the
30 2009 Municipal Budget. Councilman Puzzo stated the budget has met all of the State
31 guidelines. No one from the public spoke on the budget.
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33 Borough Administrator Terhune reported the State has denied the Borough’s request for
34 Discretionary Aid, because the Borough chose not to defer \$400,000 in pension
35 payments.
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37 Motion to table the adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget was made by Councilman
38 Raucci, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.
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40 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

41 Minutes – Council Meeting, April 6, 2009 – A motion was made by Council President
42 Choi to approve as amended, the Minutes of April 6, 2009, seconded by Councilman
43 Norgaard. Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.
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45 Closed Session – April 6, 2009 – A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins to
46 approve the Closed Session Minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Norgaard.
47 Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.
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49 **RESOLUTIONS**

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51 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
52 to approve Resolution 09-104 through 09-107. Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.
53 Resolutions approved.
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55 **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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57 **Finance, Administration and Personnel** – Councilman Puzzo – The Finance
58 Committee is preparing to begin work on the 2010 budget.
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60 **Laws and Ordinances** – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore – Nothing to report at this time.
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62 **Police** – Councilman Raucci – Reported on the following topics: The armed robbery
63 suspects that were apprehended on Route 46; the attempted sexual assault that took place
64 at 7:00 AM on Crescent Avenue and Glenwood; and the two robberies that occurred on
65 April 20, 2009, one being in the A.M. and the other in the P.M.
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67 **Fire** – Councilman Norgaard – Councilman Norgaard reported there were 24 calls for the
68 month of March. The Fire Department is working within their operating budget to
69 possibly purchase additional turn-out gear.
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71 **Ambulance** – Council President Choi – Nothing to report at this time.
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73 **Public Works** – Councilman Hawkins reported on the following; straight streaming
74 recycling is not financially feasible at the current time due to the low price paid for
75 recyclables; the DPW Salt Shed cement slab has been poured and the walls are up. The
76 continued construction is contingent on weather; and that there are stores that are not
77 recycling. Administrator Terhune will explain the issues with recycling.
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79 **Real Estate and Insurance Committee** – nothing at this time.
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81 **Administrator** –Administrator Terhune thanked Mayor Heveran, Councilmen Raucci
82 and Puzzo for the ceremony honoring Lt. McCloy.

83 **Elm Place Parking Lot** may not start until after school closes.

84 **Montana Construction**, who did work in the Overpeck Park drainage project, has agreed
85 to repave Overpeck North from Fort Lee Road to the DPW Garage.

86 **The 200 Club of Bergen County** is honoring three individuals from Leonia for valor and
87 there will also be three individuals from Leonia that will be recipients of 2009
88 scholarships. The Valor Luncheon will be held on May 7, 2009, at the Glen Point at 12:00
89 noon.

90 Administrator Terhune asked the governing body if they wished to make a donation to
91 the United Methodist Church, in reference to a letter received as part of their fund raiser.
92 The Governing Body unanimously agreed.
93 Mr. Terhune has two requests for “Coin Tosses” from the Lions Club and the Knights of
94 Columbus. The approval will be contingent upon the wearing of reflective vests. In the
95 event of inclement weather, both will be canceled. The Governing Body agreed.
96 Mr. Terhune explained the recycling issue is with Dunkin Donuts. Superintendent Saitta
97 met with the property owner and the proprietor of Dunkin Donuts. The problem
98 discussed was one of storage. PNC Bank raised concern about the number of dumpsters.
99 The property owner had one dumpster removed, which is creating issues for Dunkin
100 Donuts. Mr. Saitta is going to work with them to solve the problem.

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102 **Mayor** – Mayor Heveran reported on a program at the Police and Public Safety Complex
103 on shared services for dispatching. Mayor Heveran also took part in the Local Leadership
104 Initiative with area Mayors and Assemblywoman Huttel and Assemblyman Johnson on
105 shared services. Mayor Heveran also took part as a panelist at the “People to People
106 Conference” for girls in grades four through seven who will be acting as ambassadors in
107 other countries. Mayor Heveran thanked Councilman Raucci for the Ceremony for Lt.
108 Commander John C. McCloy.

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110 **Special Bodies**

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112 Councilman Hawkins attended a program on *Sustainability in New Jersey* with Mr. Bill
113 Russell. Councilman Hawkins and Mr. Russell will make a presentation to the Governing
114 Body at a later date.

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116 Councilman Norgaard reported the Historic Preservation Committee was unable to hold a
117 meeting because of the lack of a quorum. Mr. John Genese is very enthusiastic about his
118 position on the Historic Commission. Mayor Heveran asked the Governing Body to offer
119 recommendations to fill the vacancies on the Commission. Councilman Norgaard would
120 like to ask Mr. Hutnick, Historian for the American Legion.

121 Councilwoman Raska-Gore clarified various misconceptions regarding the Library
122 budget. The Library is given a budget to work with for the year. The Library made the
123 decision to close the Library on Sundays.

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125 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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127 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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129 Adoption of Ordinance 06-09 entitled:
130 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF**
131 **THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED “PERSONNEL**
132 **POLICIES”**

133 Public Hearing no one spoke.
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135 **Motion** made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Council President Choi to
136 adopt on final reading Ordinance 06-09

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138 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,
139 Raucci voted yes Ordinance 06-09 adopted.

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141 Adoption of Ordinance 07-09 entitled:

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143 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**
144 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
145 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
146 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$513,300 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF,**
147 **TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN**
148 **PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE**
149 **SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF**
150 **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE**
151 **OF SUCH BONDS.**

152 **Public Hearing no one from the public spoke**

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155 **Motion** made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to adopt
156 on final reading Ordinance 07-09

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158 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
159 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 07-09 adopted.

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161 Mr. Don Smartt – Mr. Smartt gave an update on Economic Development and spoke about
162 the parking issues in the Elm Place Parking Lot. The Governing Body discussed the
163 proposals made by Mr. Smartt with regard to resident parking and board of education
164 parking and how best to implement the suggestions.

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166 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 167 a) Parking – Mayor Heveran asked Laws and Ordinances to review the
168 commuter parking ordinance.
169 b) Leonia Retirement Housing – Borough Administrator Terhune had a
170 discussion with Mr. Pumo regarding the request to allow for an earlier start
171 than is allowed by Ordinance. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to
172 allow 90 days retroactive to April 1, 2009. This will be revisited in July.

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174 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 175 a.) Property Maintenance Public Officer - Mayor Heveran explained why this
176 was on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded
177 by Council President Choi to appoint Mr. Jack Peters to the position. All
178 in favor none opposed. With the approval of a Property Maintenance
179 Public Officer, Mr. Peters now has the ability to issue summonses for
180 property maintenance.

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183 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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185 Mr. Terhune explained the letter that was received from the County of Bergen, Mr.

186 Robert Layton and the response from Mr. Timothy Henderson, Tax Assessor.

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188 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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190 Betty Carillo 350 Sylvan Avenue – Mrs. Carillo spoke on the library being open on

191 Sundays, versus closing at a time when less busy during the week. Mayor Mary Heveran

192 suggested looking into opening later during the week and using those funds to open on

193 Sundays.

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195 **CLOSED SESSION**

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197 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to go into Closed Session seconded by Councilman

198 Raucci to discuss the following: Parking, Litigation and Liquor License.

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200 All in favor none opposed.

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203 **ADJOURN**

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205 Councilman Raucci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. All

206 in favor none opposed.

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208 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned

209 at 10:50PM

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211 Respectfully submitted,

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215 Fran Lehmann

216 Borough Clerk