

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **May 4, 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 7:30 pm.*

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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, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard,*
14 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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16 **Council Absent:** *none*

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

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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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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 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.

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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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30 Sarah Heflin – 10 Linden Terrace – Ms. Heflin brought to the attention of the Mayor and
31 Council an issue involving a utility right-of-way between Linden Terrace and Hawthorne
32 Terrace. There are cars using the right of way as a road. Councilman Raucci stated it is a
33 right-of-way for storm water. Mr. Giblin offered some suggestions that she, as the
34 property owner could take.

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36 **PRESENTATION**

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38 Councilman Hawkins and Mr. Bill Russell of 325 Beechwood Place made a presentation
39 on Sustainable New Jersey to the Mayor and Council and those assembled.

40 The members of the Governing Body thanked Mr. Russell and Councilman Hawkins for
41 their presentation. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore suggested they contact the Board of
42 Education and have a student appointed to the “Green Team.”

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44 Mr. Arthur Bergman – 24 Meadowview Court – Mr. Bergman inquired if Mr. Russell’s
45 book was in the Library and school library. Mr. Bergman also suggested putting posters
46 in the all of the schools and in the Library.

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Mr. Ernest Liberatore - 121 Woodridge Place – Thanked Mr. Russell and Councilman Hawkins for their presentation. Mr. Liberatore spoke about sustainability and offered the assistance of Beridian Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting – April 20, 2009 – Council President Choi made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Raucci. Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Minutes approved as amended.

Closed Session – April 20, 2009 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes as amended, seconded by Council President Choi. Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Minutes approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 09-110 and 09-111 were pulled by Councilman Puzzo until after Closed Session.

Resolution 09-112 was pulled for a separate vote by Councilman Hawkins, his son is a lifeguard.

Resolution 09-108, 09-110 and 09-gg – A motion was made by Council Puzzo seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore.

Roll call voted Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore voted yes. Councilman Raucci abstained. Resolutions approved.

Resolution 09-112 – Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 09-112, seconded by Council President Choi. Roll call vote Councilpersons Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Hawkins abstained. Resolution approved.

Introduction of Ordinance

Adoption of Ordinance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Canceling second meeting in July and August (Mayor Heveran) – Mayor Heveran explained this has been done the last two years and has worked well. Councilman Raucci inquired if the vendors would still be paid. Administrator Terhune said yes. The Governing Body agreed to cancel the last meetings for July and August.
- b) Station Park Traffic – Mayor Heveran referred to the information provided by Mr. Bergman at the last meeting. Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Bergman if he wished to add anything else to his suggestions. Mr. Bergman stated he is just looking for safety.

93 The Governing Body discussed the various suggestions. Mayor Heveran asked to
94 have the traffic officer review and make his recommendations.
95 c) Wood Park Grants – (Borough Administrator) – Mr. Terhune reviewed a memo
96 which outlined the Green Acres Grant/Loan. Mr. Terhune explained the Green
97 Acres Grant could be combined with the CDBG Grant that was received for
98 Wood Park and include in the refurbishing, the restrooms. If the Governing Body
99 chooses they could utilize the loan for \$555,000 at 2% interest and completely
100 renovate Wood Park. The Governing Body needs to make a decision soon on how
101 they wish to proceed. This item will be placed on the agenda for the Meeting on
102 May 18th.

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104 **NEW BUSINESS**

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106 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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108 Mayor Heveran read a letter from the United Methodist Church requesting their annual
109 Flea Market. The Governing Body approved the request. The Borough Clerk will notify
110 the Church.

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112 Mayor Heveran read a letter from the American Legion thanking the Borough for the
113 donation to the Memorial Day Parade.

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115 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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117 Marcia Wilson – 259 Leonia Avenue – Ms. Wilson asked for an explanation on how the
118 grants could be used to restore the restrooms in Wood Park. Mr. Terhune explained how
119 the two grants could be used in unison. Ms. Wilson asked for an explanation on the Fort
120 Lee Green Settlement. Mr. Giblin explained the settlement and stated the cause of the
121 lawsuit was due to emails sent by the Historic Preservation regarding the house on the
122 proposed site. Councilman Hawkins stated the Governing Body is still trying to block the
123 construction of the proposed building.

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125 **CLOSED SESSION**

126 A motion was made by Council Raucci, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to go into
127 Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

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OPEN SESSION

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130 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to reopen the Public Session to approve Resolutions
131 09-109 and 09-111, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.

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133 Resolution 09-109 and 09-111 – Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve
134 Resolution 09-109 and 09-111, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote;
135 Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo and Raspa-Gore voted yes, Councilman
136 Raucci abstained. Resolutions approved.

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138 **ADJOURN**

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140 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All
141 in favor none opposed.

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143 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
144 at 9:35 PM

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146 Respectfully submitted,

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150 Fran Lehmann

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