

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**

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4 **October 5, 2009**

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6 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
7 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:34 pm.*

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9 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

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

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18 **Council Absent:** *None*

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20 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Jack Terhune, Borough*
21 *Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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23 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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28 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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32 Catherine Mastrokostas – 46 Hawthorne Terrace – Mrs. Mastrokostas spoke about the
33 eight (8) trees that were cut down on Hawthorne Terrace. Mrs. Mastrokostas felt the
34 homeowners should have been notified.

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36 Toni Calzi – 64 Hawthorne Terrace - Brought a sign that had been posted by their homes
37 and stated that is how they were notified. Ms. Calzi also expressed dismay over the
38 removal of trees, as they had provided shade for her home.

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40 Nancy Zaslowe and Bruce Shapiro – 310 Main Street, Fort Lee - New Jersey Association
41 of Realtors – Mr. Shapiro asked the Governing Body to consider an Ordinance allowing
42 the placement of signs for Open Houses. Mayor Heveran asked Laws and Ordinances to
43 review the suggestions and come back to the Governing Body with their
44 recommendation.

46 Mr. Mark Spiegel – 122 Wood Terrace – Mr. Spiegel asked the Governing Body to have
47 a process that would show the ratable the Borough would realize from a proposed
48 commercial property. Mr. Giblin stated that a proposed office building cannot be decided
49 on by the amount of ratables it may bring to a municipality.

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51 Rae Kornblitt - 569 Broad Avenue – Ms. Kornblitt stated she is a member of the “Save
52 Lakeview Park Association.” Ms. Kornblitt presented the Governing Body another
53 petition with 12 signatures on it for rescinding the off leash hours. Ms. Kornblitt reported
54 that dogs are being let off their leashes in the children’s area.

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56 Jeanne Churchill – 145 Oakdene Avenue – Ms Churchill stated she listened to the Master
57 Plan review before the Council Meeting. Ms. Churchill feels the quality of life is already
58 at stake in Leonia. Ms. Churchill urged caution on overdevelopment in the borough.

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60 **APPOINTMENT**

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62 Mayor Heveran appointed Jennifer Leonard to full membership on the Recreation
63 Commission filling the unexpired term of Danyel Competiello.

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65 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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67 Minutes September 21, 2009 – Council President Choi made a motion to approve as
68 amended, the Council Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2009, seconded by Councilman
69 Raucci. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Raspa-Gore and Raucci
70 voted yes. Councilman Puzzo abstained. Minutes approved.

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72 Closed Session Minutes September 21, 2009 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to
73 approve, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore to approve the Closed Session Minutes
74 of September 21, 2009. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Raspa-
75 Gore and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Puzzo abstained. Minutes approved.

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77 **RESOLUTIONS**

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79 Resolution 09-194 – 09-199 – A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to approve the
80 Resolutions, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore. Roll Call vote; Councilpersons
81 Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Resolution
82 approved.

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84 **Introduction of Ordinance**

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86 Introduction of Bond Ordinance 18-09 entitled:
87 **"BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND**
88 **ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH**
89 **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF**
90 **BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE 08-05**
91 **ADOPTED ON MAY 16, 2005 AND (2) BOND ORDINANCE 14-06**
92 **ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 3, 2006."**

93 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

94 **Motion** made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt
95 on first reading, Ordinance 18-09.

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97 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
98 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 18-09 introduced.

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100 **Adoption of Ordinance**

101 Adoption of Ordinance 17-09 entitled:

102 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF**
103 **LEONIA, CHAPTER 245 THEREOF, ENTITLED “STORMWATER**
104 **CONTROL”, BY AMENDING SECTION 245-2 “DEFINITIONS’,**
105 **RENUMBERING SECTIONS 245-11 AND 245-12 AND BY ADDING A**
106 **NEW SECTION 245-11 ENTITLED “PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET**
107 **RETROFITTING” AND A NEW SECTION 245-12 ENTITLED “REFUSE**
108 **CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS.”**

109 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

110 **Public Hearing no one spoke**

111 Councilman Hawkins stated that this is a very important Ordinance; the biggest
112 source of non-point source pollution is empty plastic water bottles. The design of
113 these grates keeps them out of the waterways and estuaries.

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115 **Motion** made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to
116 adopt on final reading Ordinance 17-09

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118 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
119 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 17-09 adopted.

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121 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

122 **NEW BUSINESS**

123 Councilman Norgaard would like to set up a resident e-mail list to send the
124 meeting agenda and all the resolutions to those who wish to receive them. The
125 Borough Clerk suggested posting them on the website for the review of the
126 residents. The Governing Body agreed this would be a way to get the
127 information to anyone who wished to receive it.

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129 Flu shots will be available on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the Library
130 basement from 2-4PM. An appointment with the Health Department is
131 necessary.

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133 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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135 Councilman Puzzo referred to a letter from Neglia Engineering regarding the
136 construction of a parking lot in Overpeck Park by the County Dog Run. Councilman
137 Puzzo would like a resolution for the next meeting objecting to the proposed parking lot.

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PRESENTATION

Rick Pumo, President of the Board of the Leonia Senior Housing, Melissa Caplin, Onsite Property Manager and Matt Brennan, member of the Board of Directors – Mr. Brennan explained the procedure that will be used for the new section of the Senior Housing. Mr. Brennan also told everyone that the Board is working with its Counsel in Washington for permission to open the list again for the existing housing.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING SENIOR HOUSING

Maryann Gorman – 150 – Vreeland Avenue – Ms. Gorman inquired if there would be two lists, one for the 33 units that have a greater income stipulation, and one for the five (5) units with the lesser income. Mr. Pumo said, yes.

Councilman Hawkins asked how long the list is good for. Mr. Pumo answered it is updated every year. A letter is sent to those on the list to inquire if they are still interested in being considered and to apprise those on the list of their status. If anyone drops off the list, everyone moves up the list.

Roland Weimer – 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer inquired if the application could be filled out on line and submitted that way. Mr. Brennan said, no. The application can be printed out, filled in and handed in, but not submitted on line.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins seconded by Councilman Norgaard, to go into Closed Session to discuss; litigation.

ADJOURN

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

As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann
Borough Clerk