

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **May 5, 2008**

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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 everyone to stand while Council President Hawkins 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:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*  
19 *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator,*

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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 pointed out the Fire Exit.

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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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30 Cliff Eddens – 219 Overlook Avenue –Inquired the status of the request made to the  
31 Governing Body regarding Lakeview Park. Councilman Raucci explained that a grant  
32 was being prepared for improvements to the park. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore explained  
33 that the issue of the hours was discussed by the Laws and Ordinances Committee and  
34 they do not recommend a change at this time.

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36 **PRESENTATION**

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38 Don Smartt – reviewed the proposal for the Elm Place Parking Lot. Mr. Smartt urged the  
39 Governing Body to approve a Resolution accepting the proposal so the existing Smart  
40 Growth Grant can be closed out.

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42 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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44 Council Meeting – April 21, 2008 – Council President Hawkins, seconded by  
45 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008. Roll call  
46 vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

47 Closed Session Minutes – April 21, 2008 – Council President Hawkins, seconded by  
48 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of April 21,  
49 2008. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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51 **RESOLUTIONS**

52 Council President Hawkins asked to hold Resolutions 08-115, 08-117 and 08-118 for  
53 questions.

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55 Resolution 08-115 Council President Hawkins asked if this had been previously done.  
56 Borough Attorney Giblin explained that one Resolution is accepting the settlement the  
57 second Resolution is paying the settlement after the Court Order.

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59 Resolution 08-117 Council President Hawkins asked if they had to stay mainly in the  
60 park. Borough Administrator Terhune explained that they would continue their Special I  
61 duties and also be the Park Ranger they would be splitting the 35 hour work week and not  
62 receive any benefits.

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64 Resolution 08-118 – Council President Hawkins asked what this Resolution was for.  
65 Borough Attorney Giblin explained it was a settlement reached regarding an OPRA  
66 request for tax records.

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68 Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 08-113 through 08-118  
69 and 08-120 and 08-121, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. Roll call vote all in favor none  
70 opposed. Resolution adopted.

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72 Borough Attorney Giblin asked to have Resolution 08-119 held

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74 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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76 At this point in the meeting Council President Hawkins recused himself from the  
77 discussion.

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79 Introduction of Ordinance 18-08 entitled:

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81 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO**  
82 **ENTER INTO A TWENTY FIVE YEAR LEASE WITH THE OVERPECK**  
83 **PRESERVE, INC. FOR A 2006 GULF STREAM TRAILER**

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85 Borough Clerk read by Title

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87 **Motion** was made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Choi to  
88 adopt on first reading Ordinance 18-08.

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90 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins Abstain, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-  
91 Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 18-08 Introduced.

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93 Introduction of Ordinance 19-08 entitled:

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95 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 194-33 TITLED**  
96 **“SCHEDULE IV – NO STOPPING OR STANDING” BY ADDING**  
97 **THERE TO.**

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Borough Clerk read by Title

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101 **Motion** was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-  
102 Gore to adopt on first reading Ordinance 19-08.

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104 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,  
105 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 19-08 introduced

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107 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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109 Adoption of Ordinance 17-08 entitled:

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111 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE TITLED “PERSONNEL**  
112 **POLICIES” BY ADDING THERE TO.**

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**Borough Clerk Read by Title**

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**Public Hearing – No comment from the Public**

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117 After a lengthy discussion by the Governing Body it was decided that going  
118 forward, any new part-time employees, would not be eligible for benefits,  
119 including but not limited to health benefits as included in Ordinance 17-08. There  
120 are currently four part-time employees who receive these benefits who will not be  
121 affected by the change in the Personnel Policies.

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123 **Motion** was made by Councilman Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to  
124 adopt on final reading Ordinance 17-08.

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126 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,  
127 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 17-08 adopted

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129 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

130 a) **Yamato/Texaco** (Councilman Puzzo) Councilman Puzzo had nothing to  
131 report. Councilman Raucci would like the Governing body to consider  
132 moving on this property. After a length discussion the Governing Body  
133 requested Mr. Giblin contact the Borough Engineer regarding an estimate  
134 on what it would take to remediate the property.

135 b) **Non-Conforming Structures** – Laws and Ordinances met and  
136 they recommend leaving the Ordinance as it stands currently.

137 Councilwoman Raspa-Gore spoke with Mr. Peters who reported to her

138 that 75-85% of the applications are this type and only 10% are turned  
139 down.

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141 c.) **Elm Place Lot/Board of Education Parking** (Councilman  
142 Raucci) Councilman Raucci would like to offer some parking relief to the  
143 Board of Education. The Governing Body discussed various plans on how  
144 to handle the parking particularly by ACS School.

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146 d) **Renaming Lakeview Park** (Councilman Norgaard) Councilman  
147 Norgaard referred to articles regarding former Mayor Dudley Allen.  
148 Councilman Norgaard would like the Council rename Lakeview Park  
149 after Mr. Allen.

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151 **NEW BUSINESS**

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153 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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155 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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157 Mrs. Norgaard – 316 Elm Place – Mrs. Norgaard asked the Council to consider the  
158 residents who do not have driveways and use the Elm Place Lot for parking to continue to  
159 allow them to have access.

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161 **CLOSED SESSION**

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163 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman  
164 Raucci to discuss the following:

165 PBA Contract  
166 Downtown Manager Contract  
167 604 Main Street

168 All in favor none opposed.

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170 **ADJOURN**

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172 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Norgaard to adjourn.  
173 All in favor none opposed.

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175 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned  
176 at 10:00PM

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178 Respectfully submitted,

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182 Fran Lehmann

183 Borough Clerk