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2 ***Council Meeting/Work Session***
3 ***Minutes***
4 ***May 19, 2008***
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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 7:32pm*
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9 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

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14 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard,*
15 *Puzzo, Raucchi*

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17 ***Council Absent:*** *Councilwoman Raspa-Gore*

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19 ***Also Present:*** *Borough Attorney Giblin, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Jack*
20 *Terhune Borough Administrator*
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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 pointed out the Fire Exit.
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30 **PRESENTATION**
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32 Mayor Heveran and Councilman Choi, presented Proclamations to members of the
33 Ambulance Corps who responded to over 100 calls for 2007.
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35 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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37 **None**

38 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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40 Council Meeting, May 5, 2008 – Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve the
41 minutes of May 5, 2008, seconded by Councilman Raucchi. Roll call vote: Hawkins, Choi,
42 Norgaard, Puzzo and Raucchi voted yes, Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Minutes
43 approved.
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45 Closed Session Minutes of May 5, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a motion to
46 approve the minutes of closed session of May 5 2008, seconded by Councilman

47 Norgaard. Roll call vote; Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo and Raucci voted yes,
48 Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Minutes approved.

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50 **RESOLUTIONS**

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52 Resolution 08-123 - Councilman Puzzo asked if there would be another person hired for
53 summer help for the DPW. Mr. Terhune stated yes, he is high school student and soon as
54 he is available a resolution will be done.

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56 Resolution 08-126 – Mayor Heveran noted it should say “Robert Chace, Fire Inspector”

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58 Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 08-122 through 08-131,
59 seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote; Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo and
60 Raucci voted yes, Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Resolutions approved.

61 **REPORTS**

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63 **Standing Committees**

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65 **Finance Administration & Personnel** – Councilman Puzzo nothing to
66 report at this time.

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67 **Laws & Ordinances** – Chairwoman Raspa - Gore was absent no report.

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69 **Police** – Councilman Raucci nothing to report.

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71 **Fire** – Councilman Norgaard reported that new ID cards have been issued.
72 The Fire Department is looking for a way to do a shared service with other
73 communities. At the present time they have partnered with the City of
74 Englewood for purchase of turn out gear. The Fire Department is also
75 looking to do a shared service for fire vehicles. The Fire Department is
76 averaging 30 calls a month. Councilman Norgaard reviewed a memo
77 regarding the Life Insurance for the Fire Department. Mr. Terhune
78 explained the policy.

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80 **Ambulance** – Councilman Choi – Councilman Choi feels the recognition
81 given to the members tonight shows the members that the community is
82 proud of the services they perform.

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84 **Public Works** – Council President Hawkins thanked Mr. Saitta and the
85 Department of Public Works for their assistance with Leonia Day. There
86 are concerns about store owners putting out their trash on Saturday nights
87 and leaving it out all weekend. There is no problem with Monday morning
88 pick-up if yard waste is not being picked-up. Council President Hawkins,
89 Mr. Terhune, and Mr. Saitta are going to meet and come-up with a
90 workable situation.

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92 **Real Estate and Insurance** – Councilman Puzzo reported the Economic
93 Development Committee met last week to discuss the Elm Place Lot.
94 Mayor Heveran asked if the Construction Code Official could be included
95 at the next meeting.

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97 **Borough Administrator** – Mr. Terhune – The design of the Elm Place
98 Lot needs to be addressed as well as the permit parking. Mr. Terhune
99 reported the 2008 Community Development Open Space Grant
100 applications are being prepared one is for Lakeview Park and the other one
101 is for dugouts etc at Sylvan Park. Mr. Terhune is in the process of getting
102 a price on recycling decals at the request of Council President Hawkins, to
103 be either affixed to Borough recycling pails or distributed to the public.
104 Broad Avenue re-paving was done on Saturday. May 17th. Ordinance 20-
105 08 is for the Capital Budget for this year.

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107 **Mayor Heveran** – Mayor Heveran reported that she attended the May 8th
108 awards ceremony for Habitat for Humanity for Bergen County. She also
109 attended the Korean celebration for 6th Annual “Elder Generation”. Mayor
110 Heveran also reported on Leonia Day. Numerous community groups were
111 in attendance. The Leonia Fire Department gave out at no charge 500 hot
112 dogs.

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114 **SPECIAL BODIES** - Councilman Norgaard reported that he is pleased
115 the renaming of Lakeview Park to the Dudley Allen Park is moving
116 forward. The Historic Preservation Commission would like the Governing
117 Body to review legislation regarding Tax Credits for the restoration of
118 Historic Homes.

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120 Councilman Raucci would like to have a meeting with Mayor Heveran,
121 Mr. Terhune and the Chairpersons of the Planning Board and Board of
122 Adjustment to discuss various issues of concern. Mayor Heveran
123 suggested the meeting be held on a Tuesday.

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125 Council President Hawkins reported that the jug handles being installed in
126 the Overpeck Park are designed to alleviate left turns into the park.

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128 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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130 Introduction of Capital Bond Ordinance 20-08 entitled:

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132 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**
133 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDI-**
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135 **COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A**
136 **NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS**
137 **AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN**
138 **THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
139 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$860,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF,**

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TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Choi to adopt on first reading Capital Bond Ordinance 20-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted yes; Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Ordinance introduced.

Introduction of Ordinance 21-08 entitled:

ORDINANCE GRANTING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE DATED JUNE, 1975 BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA AND LEONIA RETIREMENT HOUSING CORPORATION FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 7 IN BLOCK 901

A motion was made by Council President Hawkins seconded by Councilman Norgaard to approve capital Bond Ordinance 21-08 on final Reading

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted yes; Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Ordinance introduced.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

At this point in the meeting Council President Hawkins recused himself.

Adoption of Ordinance 18-08 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO ENTER INTO A TWENTY FIVE YEAR LEASE WITH THE OVERPECK PRESERVE, INC. FOR A 2006 GULF STREAM TRAILER (Public Hearing)

**Borough Clerk read by title.
Public Hearing – no one spoke.**

Motion was made by Council, seconded by Council to adopt on final reading Ordinance 18-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted yes; Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Council President Hawkins abstain. Ordinance adopted.

Adoption of Ordinance 19-08 entitled:

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 194-33 TITLED
“SCHEDULE IV – NO STOPPING OR STANDING” BY ADDING
THERE TO. (Public Hearing)**

**Borough Clerk read by title.
Public Hearing – no one spoke.**

Motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to adopt on final reading Ordinance 19-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted yes; Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent. Ordinance adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Yamato (Councilman Puzzo) nothing new to report. Councilman Puzzo reported that Kathy Elliott, the Borough Engineer is waiting for a response from Boswell Engineering who is waiting for the owners to give them permission to give the information to her on behalf of the Borough.
- b) Revaluation with Oradell (Borough Administrator) – Mr. Giblin reported a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting. The Borough of Leonia has received a 15% reduction and will have its own contract, apart from Oradell. Both municipalities will do the revaluation at the same time.

Councilman Puzzo would like a Press Release reporting all the shared services the Borough of Leonia has done so far this year. Councilman Puzzo would like the notice to be in both the Record and Bergen News.

- c) Board of Adjustment Appointment – Mayor Heveran has received two letters and recommendations. There are currently two alternates

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Smart Container Resolution – The Governing Body agreed to approve Resolution 08-132 Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo and Raucci voted yes. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore absent Resolution 08-132 approved.

Volunteer of the Year – Councilman Puzzo suggested Leonel Morales and Mary Connor.

Mayor Heveran would like the Council to consider on a trial basis making Highland Street a one-way street during school hours for drop off and pick-up. This could not be enforced without an ordinance. If this works an ordinance can be prepared for September.

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234 b) Interfaith Advisory Request - Borough Administrator Terhune referred to a
235 letter from the Interfaith Advisory. Councilman Puzzo suggested not
236 collecting money for the residents of the home. Councilman Puzzo made a
237 motion seconded by Councilman Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.
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239 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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241 Limited to five minutes (5) per speaker at the discretion of the Chair (duration 30
242 minutes)
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244 Gary Norgaard 316 Elm Place – Mr. Norgaard spoke about the Historic Tax. Mr.
245 Norgaard also spoke about the Elm Place Lot and asked the Council to remember
246 there are some people who do not have driveways and use the lot for a place to
247 park overnight.
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249 **CLOSED SESSION (F)**

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251 Councilman Puzzo made a motion seconded by Councilman Choi to go into
252 Closed Session to discuss the following:
253 *Downtown Business Manager – Contract (Councilman Puzzo)*
254 *604 Main Street – Borough Attorney Giblin*
255 *Ongoing Investigation – Borough Administrator*
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257 **ADJOURNMENT** (10:00pm unless motion to extend)

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259 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Raucci to adjourn
260 the meeting.
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262 There be no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:50PM
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264 Respectfully submitted,
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268 Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk
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