

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

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4 **August 4, 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 7:35pm*

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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, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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17 **Council Absent:** *None*

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19 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*
20 *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator, Myrna Becker, CFO*

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22 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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27 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.

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29 **PRESENTATIONS**

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31 Mayor Heveran and Fire Commissioner Frank Raucci made presentations to Police
32 Officers Mike Jennings and Frank Rocco for their heroism in attempting to save a fire
33 victim.

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35 Mayor Heveran made and Fire Commissioner Karl Norgaard mad a presentation to Fire
36 Fighter Mary Ellen Peters-Neu for her outstanding effort in attempting to save a fire
37 victim.

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39 Mayor Heveran and Fire Commissioner Karl Norgaard made presentations to Fire Fighter
40 Steven Oxnard, Captain Robert Chace and Deputy Chief Troy Wright for their search and
41 locating the victim of a fire.

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43 Mayor Heveran and Fire Commissioner Karl Norgaard made a presentation to Chief Ron
44 Chace commending the Leonia Volunteer Fire Department for their quick action in a
45 stressful situation.

47 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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49 Deirdre Mitchell 156 – Spring Street spoke to the Governing Body about the number of
50 vacant homes on Spring Street and condition that they are in.

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52 Mr. Cliff Edmons 219 Overlook Avenue – presented the Governing Body with an
53 additional petition against the off-leash hours in Lakeview Park

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55 Darryl Whitter – 132 Spring Street – Mr. Whitter thanked the Mayor and Council for the
56 repairs to Spring Street. Mr. Whitter referred to an email he sent the Mayor and Council
57 showing various home on Spring Street in various states of disrepair all the homes are
58 owned by one individual in town.

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60 Mario Bianchi, 184 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Bianchi spoke about the loss of parking on
61 Glenwood Avenue from Fort Leer Road to Crescent Avenue.

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63 Ana Colditz, 180 Spring Street – explained to the Mayor and Council that house at 146-
64 148 has 3 entrances and there are people coming and going all hours.

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66 Council President Hawkins made a motion to extend the public comments for an extra 10
67 minutes.

68 Mr. David Long, 195 Glenwood Avenue

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70 Rae Kornblitt, 596 Broad Avenue – Ms. Kornblitt, spoke against the off leash hours at
71 Lakeview Park.

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73 Brian Maxwell 203 Glenwood Avenue – Explained to the Mayor and Council the
74 difficulty he is having getting in and out of his driveway.

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76 Don Smartt, Consultant for the Borough – Spoke about parking issues in the Borough.

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78 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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80 Council Meeting Minutes July 7, 2008 – Councilman President Hawkins made a motion
81 to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote;
82 Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Councilman
83 Norgaard abstain, Minutes approved.

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85 Closed Session Minutes – July 7, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a motion to
86 approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 16, 2008, seconded by Councilman Raucci.
87 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
88 Councilman Norgaard abstain, Minutes approved.

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93 **RESOLUTIONS**

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95 Council President Hawkins questioned Resolution 08-179. Mr. Terhune responded to his
96 questions.

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98 , Resolutions approved.

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100 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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102 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to take Ordinance 22-08 off the table, seconded by
103 Council President Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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105 Introduction of Ordinance 22-08 entitled:

106 **AN ORDINANCE RENAMING LAKEVIEW PARK AS DUDLEY C.**

107 **ALLEN PARK**

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Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title.

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110 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 22-08,
111 seconded by Councilman Choi.

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113 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and
114 Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 22-08 introduced.

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116 Introduction of Ordinance 23-08 entitled:

117 **ORDINANCE FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE**

118 **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

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120 Borough Clerk Fran Lehmann, explained why the Ordinance was being
121 reintroduced at a cost to the Borough of Leonia.

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Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

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124 A motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by
125 Councilman Puzzo to approve on first reading Ordinance 23-08

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127 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci
128 and voted yes. Ordinance introduced.

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130 Introduction of Ordinance 25-08 entitled:

131 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 194 OF THE ORDINANCE OF**
132 **LEONIA TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.**

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134 **Motion** was made by Council, seconded by Council to adopt on first reading
135 Ordinance 25-08.

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137 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,
138 and Raucci voted yes. Ordinance introduced.

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Yamato/Texaco** (Councilman Puzzo) Councilman Puzzo asked Mr. Giblin for an update. Mr. Giblin reported there needs to be an infusion of water before the samples can be taken. Once that is done the report will be generated. (This will remain on the agenda)

- b) **Glenwood Avenue** – Councilman Puzzo In light of the complaints on Glenwood Avenue between Fort Lee Road and Crescent, Councilman Puzzo suggested the Ordinance be changed. Councilman Puzzo would like it done as safely and economically as possible.

Councilman Puzzo, made a motion seconded by Councilman Choi to return Glenwood Avenue on the southerly side heading north returned the way it was and do it as economically and safely as possible and not to exceed \$1,000. All in favor none opposed.

- c) **Vreeland Avenue Cull de Sac** – Mr. Giblin asked for direction from the Council on how to proceed. Mr. Giblin will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting. Council President Hawkins asked if any fees would be incurred by the Borough. Mr. Giblin explained there would be advertising fees for the Ordinance. Council President Hawkins asked Mr. Giblin to see if the persons requesting the vacation of the portion of the street would be willing to pay for the advertising. Mr. Giblin will contact their attorney.

- d) **Noise Ordinance** Councilman Raucci – Councilman Raucci would like the noise ordinance changed to 8:00A.M. for landscapers. The ordinance will be reviewed by Laws and Ordinances.

- e)- **Abandoned Vehicles** Councilwoman Raspa-Gore explained that the Committee would like to adopt the code of the Borough of Oradell. Mr. Giblin and the Police Department will review and make recommendations.

- f) **Property Maintenance Grass** Councilman Raucci explained why this was put on the agenda. after a discussion by the Council the Laws & Ordinance will review and make a recommendation.

- g) **Don Smartt** Mr. Smartt reviewed his report with the Mayor and Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Underage Drinking** – Mayor Heveran explained why this was placed on the agenda. The Governing Body discussed the pros and cons of the necessity of doing the Ordinance.

185 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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188 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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190 Nicole Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Maxwell reiterated how difficult it is to
191 get in and out of their driveway.

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193 Brian Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell inquired about the website. Mr.
194 Terhune noted the resolution tonight for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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196 David Long, 195 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Long asked why the residents were not
197 notified of the change before it occurred. Mayor Heveran responded to Mr. Long.

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199 **CLOSED SESSION**

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201 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman
202 Raucci to discuss the following: PBA Contract; 604 Main Street; Settlement of Police
203 Grievance; Park & Ride; Station Parkway Property

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205 All in favor none opposed.

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OPEN SESSION

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209 Resolution 08-188 – Councilman Puzzo made a motion to authorize Mr. Giblin to do a
210 property search in conjunction with the Station Parkway property not to exceed \$1,000,
211 seconded by Council President Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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213 **ADJOURN**

214 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council President Hawkins.

215 All in favor none opposed.

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217 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
218 at 10:40PM

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220 Respectfully submitted,

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223 Fran Lehmann

224 Borough Clerk