

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **November 3, 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, Raucchi*

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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.

27 **PRESENTATION**

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29 Tim Henderson, Tax Assessor and Robert Drexel, Tax Appeal Attorney reviewed the
30 process for the tax judgments recently received. At the request of Council President
31 Hawkins a report will be prepared explaining each judgment when presented for
32 approval.

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34 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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36 Minutes of the Mayor Council of September 15, 2008 – Councilman Puzzo made a
37 motion to approve as amended the Minutes of September 15, 2008, seconded by Council
38 President Hawkins. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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40 Closed Session Minutes of September 15, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a
41 motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 15, 2008, seconded by
42 Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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44 Minutes of the Mayor and Council October 6, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a
45 motion to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2008 as amended, seconded by Councilman

46 Raucci. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and
47 Raucci voted yes, Councilman Choi abstained.

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49 Closed Session Minutes of October 6, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a motion
50 to approve the Closed Session Minutes of October 6, 2008, seconded by Councilman
51 Norgaard. Roll call vote; Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes,
52 Councilman Choi abstained.

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54 Minutes of the Mayor and Council October 20, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made
55 a motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2008, seconded by Councilman Raucci.
56 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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58 Closed Session Minutes of October 20, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a
59 motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of October 20, 2008, seconded by
60 Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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62 **RESOLUTIONS**

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64 Council President Hawkins pulled the following Resolutions for discussion and separate
65 vote 08-228, 08-229, 08-231 through 08-233 and 08-236 through 08-236.

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67 Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve
68 Resolution 08-227, 08-230, 08-234, 08-238, 08-215, 08-218 through 08-220. Roll call
69 vote; all in favor none opposed.

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71 Resolution 08-228 – Members of the Governing Body had questions regarding vouchers
72 presented for payment. Mr. Terhune answered their questions.

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74 Resolution 08-229 - Council President Hawkins asked for an explanation on the budget
75 transfers. Mr. Terhune explained the transfers.

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77 Resolution 08-231 – Councilman Puzzo and Council President Hawkins asked for an
78 explanation. Mr. Terhune explained that the money on a grant that is not utilized needs to
79 be returned.

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81 Resolution 08-232 – Council President Hawkins asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune
82 explained the Resolution. Council President Hawkins asked for more information. Mr.
83 Terhune suggested the Resolution be approved and he would have Mr. Chace forward
84 information to Council President Hawkins the members of the Council agreed.

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86 Resolution 08-233 – Council President Hawkins asked for information on this
87 Resolution. The Borough Clerk explained these are balances left in bond ordinances that
88 need to be closed out on a yearly basis.

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90 Resolution 08-235 – Council President Hawkins asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune
91 explained these were purchase orders that had balances that are cancelled to Current
92 Fund.

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94 Resolution 08-236 – Council President Hawkins asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune
95 explained this is done when an item of revenue needs to be included in the Municipal
96 Budget.

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98 Resolution 08-237 – Council President Hawkins asked if the money that was allocated in
99 1999 can still be used for the roof. Mr. Terhune explained that the money is designated
100 and has already been funded therefore it may be used for the roof.

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104 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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106 No one spoke.

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108 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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110 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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112 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

113 a) **Yamato/Texaco** (Councilman Puzzo) Councilman Puzzo deferred to Borough
114 Attorney Giblin. Mr. Giblin reported the testing has been completed. The
115 report is still not available. Councilman Puzzo asked to have Boswell
116 Engineering attend a meeting.

117 b) **Noise Ordinance** – Mr. Giblin will have a draft for the next meeting.

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119 c) **Grass Removal Ordinance** – Councilman Raucci reported the Property
120 Maintenance Officer would like the time for cutting of grass reduced from 3
121 days. The Governing Body discussed and agreed to leave it at 3 days.
122 Ornamental grasses are not subject to the four inch rule.

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124 d) **Proposal for Master Plan** – (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran asked the
125 Governing Body if they wished to accept the proposal for the Master Plan.
126 After a discussion the Council agreed to the Proposal.
127 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve resolution 08-239 to read as
128 follows; “WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the attached proposal
129 submitted by H2M and recommends approval by the Governing Body for the
130 review of the Master Plan as required by State Statute; and

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132 WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available for the Master
133 Plan Review in an amount not to exceed \$30,000”

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135 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the
136 Borough of Leonia that H2M is hereby authorized to conduct a review of the
137 Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

138 Seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.
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140 e) **Lakeview Park (Mayor Heveran)**- Mayor Heveran reviewed the survey
141 prepared by Recreation.
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143 f) **Verizon/Tree Lighting (Borough Administrator)** – Mr. Terhune explained
144 the Recreation Commission has voted not to accept the proposal from
145 Verizon. They suggested this venue would better serve the community on
146 Leonia Day.
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148 **NEW BUSINESS**

149 a) **Ordinance Amending Swim Pool Fees** – The Council discussed the
150 Ordinance. Council President Hawkins would like to some clarifications to
151 various portions. The ordinance will be amended and presented again at
152 the meeting of the November 10, 2008.
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154 b) **Parking Enforcement Officer (Councilman Raucci)** – Councilman
155 Raucci explained his reasoning for placing this on the agenda for
156 discussion. The Council discussed the pros and cons the council did not
157 come to a decision.
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159 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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161 Mayor Heveran reported that the Statement from NJ Transit regarding light rail
162 will be forthcoming.
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164 Mayor Heveran reported she has received eight (8) letters in support of the skate
165 park.
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167 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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169 Ryan Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell spoke of his frustration in trying
170 to have Glenwood Avenue returned to the original traffic pattern.
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172 David Long – 195 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Long agreed with Mr. Maxwell.
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174 **CLOSED SESSION**

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176 Council President Hawkins made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by
177 Councilman Choi to discuss the following:

178 Mitzner Request
179 604 Main Street

180 All in favor none opposed.

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182 **ADJOURN**

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184 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Norgaard to adjourn.

185 All in favor none opposed.

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187 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
188 at 9:50PM

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190 Respectfully submitted,

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194 Fran Lehmann

195 Borough Clerk