

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **November 10, 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*

7 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo,*  
11 *Raspa-Gore, Raucchi*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*  
16 *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator*

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18 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

21 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.  
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23 **PRESENTATION**

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25 Katherine Elliott, Birdsell Engineering made a presentation to those assembled regarding  
26 the turning lanes on Glenwood Avenue.

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28 David Long, 195 Gladwin Avenue – Mr. Long spoke about the spaces being returned for  
29 parking on Gladwin Avenue. Ms. Elliott reviewed the changes made to the plans as a  
30 result of the ongoing discussions with residents of Glenwood Avenue. Mr. Long also  
31 asked to have all the paint removed from in front of his house.  
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33 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Gladwin Avenue – Mr. Maxwell asked if there are DOT Guidelines  
34 and if the long taper could be shortened or eliminated? Ms. Elliott explained there are  
35 certain design standards that must be followed.  
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37 Nicole Maxwell, 203 Gladwin Avenue – Ms. Maxwell feels this is a step in the right  
38 direction.

39 Mayor Heveran asked how many parking spaces were given back with the proposed  
40 changes. Ms. Elliott stated five (5) on the south side and four (4) on the north side. Ms.  
41 Elliott also stated that anything that is proposed is in the design guideline standards and  
42 needs the approval of the County because Fort Lee Road, which intersects Gladwin  
43 Avenue is a County Road.  
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45 **RESOLUTIONS**

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47 Resolution 08-240 – Councilman Raucci, seconded by Councilman Norgaard made a  
48 motion to approve Resolution 08-240. Roll call vote; all Council voted yes with the  
49 exception of Councilman Puzzo who abstained.

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51 **REPORTS**

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53 **Standing Committees**

54 **Finance Administration & Personnel** - Councilman Puzzo – Councilman  
55 Puzzo explained that water usage in the commercial district is being  
56 reviewed. This is also being reviewed in an environmental perspective.

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58 **Laws & Ordinances** – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore – no report.

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60 **Police** – Councilman Raucci – Councilman Raucci reported the position of  
61 Traffic Officer is a Special I Officer. He will have the ability to issue  
62 summonses. Mr. Terhune is in the process of preparing a job description  
63 which will include a presence on Broad Avenue. Chief Ziegler gave  
64 Councilman Raucci statistics with regard to bicycle helmet – 47 warnings  
65 were issued if a second offense occurs a call is made to the home. The  
66 Chief is going to coordinate something with ACS and the Middle School  
67 regarding the need of helmets. Mayor Heveran asked to be advised as she  
68 would like to attend the program. Council President Hawkins reported on a  
69 youth who was carrying the helmet while on a skateboard whom he  
70 approached and asked him to put the helmet on. The youth put the helmet  
71 on and when he was far enough away took it off again. Councilman Raucci  
72 reported on the new drop-off procedure at ACS. The Police Committee is  
73 still working on the job description for the position of Lt. once it is  
74 completed it will be presented to the Council.

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76 **Fire** – Councilman Norgaard – Councilman Norgaard reported there were  
77 41 calls for the month of October. Waiting for the countertops to be  
78 installed and the kitchen will be completed. The Fund Raising Letter went  
79 in the mail. There id going to be a meeting of the Fire Commission to  
80 discuss the Capital Budget request for next year.

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82 **Ambulance** – Councilman Choi reported that he met with Mr. Morales who  
83 explained the dispatching procedure.

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85 **Public Works** – Council President Hawkins commended Jack Terhune and  
86 Tony Saitta, DPW Superintendent on the leaf clean-up. Mr. Terhune  
87 explained the new storm drains designed to keep the leaves out.

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89 **Real Estate and Insurance** – Councilman Puzzo reported on a meeting  
90 held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Mr. Smartt is actively  
91 soliciting new business.  
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93 **Borough Administrator** – Mr. Terhune passed out a copy of the wreath  
94 from Mrs. Studier showing the wreath she proposes to hang on the light  
95 poles. Councilman Puzzo inquired if the Borough would be open to  
96 donations of the wreaths? Mr. Terhune thought it might be a little late to  
97 solicit donations. Councilman Puzzo will attempt to have some donated.  
98 **Mr. Terhune** reported the new fuel system has been installed and is in use.  
99 The Streetscape Program is completed and the lights are to be turned on the  
100 week of November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Borough Engineer and Mr. Saitta are looking  
101 at the streets for the 2009 road program.  
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103 **Mayor** – Mayor Heveran reported she attended a program at Bergen  
104 Community College called “Meet the Mayor” where she spoke. Mayor  
105 Heveran also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at “Green Cura” a new  
106 store in Leonia. She also attended a dinner for the Volunteer of the Year.  
107 Mary Connor who was a recipient thanked her and the members of the  
108 Council for being chosen. The “Taste of Leonia” was a big success.  
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110 **Special Bodies** – Council President Hawkins reported the Overpeck  
111 Preserve has received a grant for \$3,300 to put solar panels on the trailer.  
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113 Councilman Puzzo reported due to the Health Fair numerous people are  
114 now receiving the health care they need several went to the hospital with  
115 severely high blood pressure. There were at least 3 saves from testing that  
116 had been conducted. The Health Fair helps save lives and the funding  
117 should not be cut in the coming budget.  
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120 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 121 a) Yamato/Texaco - (Councilman Puzzo) Nothing at this time.  
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123 b) Noise Ordinance – (Councilman Raucci) Councilman Raucci reviewed the  
124 Ordinance presented for discussion and introduction. Mayor Heveran would  
125 have preferred 8:30AM over 8:00AM. The Ordinance will be introduced later  
126 in the meeting.  
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128 c) Glenwood Avenue – Discussed earlier in the meeting.  
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130 d) Swim Poll Fees – the Council reviewed the Ordinance as amended for  
131 discussion. The Fee Ordinance will be introduced later in the meeting. The  
132 remaining portion of the Ordinance will be reviewed by Laws and Ordinances.  
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134 e) Commander McCloy – Mayor Heveran inquired what was happening with a  
135 memorial plaque. Councilman Raucci explained the discussions that have taken  
136 place with Mr. Hutnick from the American Legion. The Council discussed  
137 various options for the memorial. All will be in place for Memorial Day.  
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139 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 140 a) COAH – Mr. Terhune explained the new COAH Rules. Fair share reporting needs  
141 to be done by a planner.  
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- 143 b) Mayors Climate Protection Control Agreement – Mayor Heveran explained the  
144 concept of the agreement and asked the opinion of the Council all agreed it was a  
145 good idea.  
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- 147 c) Woodland Place – Mayor Heveran reported on complaints she is receiving from the  
148 residents on Woodland Place regarding speeding motorists.  
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150 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

151 Introduction of Ordinance 33-08 entitled:

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153 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE ORDINANCES OF**  
154 **LEONIA TITLED “TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT”**

155 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**  
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157 **Motion** made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Raucci to  
158 adopt on first reading Ordinance 33-08.  
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160 Roll call vote all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 33-08 introduced.  
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162 Introduction of Ordinance 34-08 entitled:

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164 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 TITLED “FEES” BY**  
165 **ADDING ARTICLE IV POOL MEMBERSHIP FESS**

166 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**  
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168 **Motion** made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi to  
169 adopt on first reading Ordinance 34-08.  
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171 Roll call vote all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 34-08 introduced.  
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173 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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175 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
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177 Nicole Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Maxwell reported whenever the police are  
178 directing traffic by her home they block her driveway can something be done about this.  
179 Councilman Raucci will contact the Chief.

180 Ryan Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell thanked the Mayor and Council  
181 for brining in the Borough Engineer. Mr. Maxwell asked if the Council had any objection  
182 to his getting a second opinion from an Engineer. Mayor Heveran stated the Borough will  
183 not pay for another engineer to look at Glenwood Avenue. Mr. Maxwell said it would be at  
184 his expense. No one had an objection.

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186 **CLOSED SESSION**

187 A motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman made a  
188 motion to go into Closed Session for the discussion of 604 Main Street, Personnel.

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190 **ADJOURN**

191 Council President Hawkins made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council Raucci. All in  
192 favor none opposed.

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194 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
195 10:20PM

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198 Respectfully submitted,

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200 Fran Lehmann

201 Borough Clerk