

April 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening April 1, 2019, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, and Josephine Laird. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and that they stand as written. All in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF RECEIPT VOUCHER

Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of March totaled \$1,909,605.17. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented a Sexual Misconduct Policy to establish the process for handling any and all sexual misconduct claims against Borough employees, volunteers, or elected officials. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to approve and adopt the Sexual Misconduct Policy. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough's Annual Audit and Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2018 has been completed and received. The Condensed Audit and Financial Report will be published in the Daily Times on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and the audit is available for public inspection at the Borough's administrative office. Motion by P. Ewing second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Council President J. Laird would like to create an Emergency Operations Plan sub-committee for the purpose of working on updating the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan with third-party contractor CSERT. Council President J. Laird appointed Councilors P. Ewing, J. Kennard, and M. Manerchia to the Emergency Operations Plan sub-committee. Motion by J. Flynn and second by C. Evernham to accept the appointments to the Emergency Operations Plan sub-committee. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of March, 2019. Motion by J. Kennard second by J. Flynn to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported Council's Highway Committee has recommended the following locations for the 2019 Street Improvement Project pending the receipt of bid proposals: milling and paving of Green Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Delaware Avenue. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to authorize the preparation of plans and specifications and advertisement for bids for the 2019 Street Improvement Project. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that Marcus Hook Borough has scheduled an e-Waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage, located at 11 11<sup>th</sup> Street: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place rain or shine from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Borough is offering one free television disposal, per Borough of Marcus Hook household, additional televisions will be \$25 for normal televisions and \$50 for rear projection/console-type televisions. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Borough is accepting applications for employment for summer laborers with the Highway Department, 24 hour work week. Applications will be accepted through the close of business on April 26, 2019. Motion by P. Ewing second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented for first reading Borough Ordinance No. O-19-2 amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, adding a STOP sign on Green Street, North & South, at Fourth Street. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. O-19-2. All in favor.

### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The Marcus Hook Fishing Pier was re-inspected by Urban Engineers on March 25, 2019. This annual inspection takes place to ensure the pier is in safe condition to open for the Spring, Summer, and Fall months. Urban Engineers noted 2 additional pilings that need to be repaired but determined that the pier was in safe condition to open for the 2019 season. Motion by J. Flynn second by J. Kennard to open the Marcus Hook Fishing Pier on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2019 season. All in favor.

In keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Shade Tree Commission has recommended the passage of a municipal Resolution proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. The Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM at Robert F. Haebel Plaza. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-19-4 proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Manager reported that for the thirty-fourth straight year Marcus Hook has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other recognition materials will be coordinated with the Borough's Arbor Day ceremony on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion for the removal of Pam Szeliga from the Shade Tree Commission. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to remove Pam Szeliga from the Shade Tree Commission. All in favor.

Acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who coordinated the St. Patrick's Day Craft Event on March 17, 2019, the children made floral teacups, Irish potatoes, and cards. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Zoning application received from Trademark Investors, Inc. - Andy Padilla, President and Andrew Ali requesting approval to change the use of the building located at 712 Market Street from its previous use, where it served as the office/meeting hall for the USW union, to a single family residential home. The property status is legal pre-existing nonconforming. The plans for the building were presented to Borough Council at a public meeting held on April 1, 2019. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Everngham to establish that the proposed change will be no more objectionable in its external effects than the previous nonconforming use and becomes more conforming to the Residential-2 zoning district where it is located, and as such authorize the issuance of a zoning permit to Trademark Investments, Inc. and Andrew Ali to renovate the building at 712 Market Street for use as a single family residential home. All in favor.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in February responded to 31 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Flynn wanted to express his gratitude to Marcus Hook Police Officers Ryan Feeley and Chris Reynolds for serving as Honor Guards at his Father-in-law's funeral. Councilor J. Flynn's Father-in-law served in WWII.

Councilor C. Everngham reminded residents about section 106 of the Borough Code, which requires residents to place their garbage into a closed container with a lid to have picked up at the curb on trash day. Councilor C. Everngham has seen an increasing number of homes where trash bags are placed at the curb and not inside a container. Animals and rodents will get into these bags and tear them apart creating a mess and an unsanitary condition.

Mayor G. Taylor wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded residents that the Marcus Hook Police Department will be conducting Bike Patrol in the coming months as the weather gets warmer.

Councilor J. Laird wished everyone a Happy Easter.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, reminded residents that there is an Environmental Advisory Council meeting this Thursday. The venue of the meeting hasn't been confirmed, but there was some discussion regarding it possibly being held at Braskem. Councilor P. Ewing will confirm with the EAC the location of the meeting.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from March 5, 2019 through April 1, 2019 totaled \$205,110.48. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary