

April 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening April 4, 2022, 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, Joseph Flynn, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Brian Mercadante. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and deposit. All in favor.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Council President J. Laird indicated that a Council seat is currently vacant due to the resignation of Paula Ewing on March 7, 2022. The floor was opened up for nominations. Councilor \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacant Council seat. A vote was taken by Borough Council. All in favor.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-22-7 appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to Council to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Paula Ewing. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager reported that the Borough's Annual Audit and Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2021 has been completed and received. The Condensed Audit and Financial Report will be published in the Daily Times on April \_\_\_\_, 2022, and the audit is available for public inspection at the Borough's administrative office. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented for ratification a renewal to the Recycling Services Agreement between ECOvanta, LLC and Marcus Hook Borough. This renewal is for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 and will cover the cost of recycling the televisions and providing the materials needed to package the televisions in a consolidated manner, at no cost to Borough of Marcus Hook residents. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to ratify the renewal to the Recycling Services Agreement for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 between ECOvanta, LLC and Marcus Hook Borough. All in favor.

Manager presented six tax assessment appeals from the Keystone Community Alliance – Marcus Hook, LP for six parcels of property listed under the following folio nos. 24-00-00638-00, 24-00-00638-08, 24-00-00638-11, 24-00-00638-21, 24-00-00638-23 and 24-00-00638-24. For 2021 and going forward, the properties will have the following adjustments in assessed value and Fair Market Value:

	Original Assessed Value/FMV	Adjusted Assessed Value/FMV
24-00-00638-00	\$6,882,800	\$477,282
24-00-00638-08	\$335,140	\$290,528
24-00-00638-11	\$1,593,200	\$1,456,728
24-00-00638-21	\$120,650	\$171,912
24-00-00638-23	\$185,360	\$178,698
24-00-00638-24	\$190,800	\$330,252
Total	\$9,307,950	\$2,905,400

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the tax assessment appeal amounts as outlined above for folio nos. 24-00-00638-00, 24-00-00638-08, 24-00-00638-11, 24-00-00638-21, 24-00-00638-23, and 24-00-00638-24 for the tax year 2021 and going forward. All in favor.

Manager presented for ratification a revised Resolution No. R-22-6, a resolution supporting the Borough of Marcus Hook's request for grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used to support the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department's request for a replacement ladder truck and a rescue pumper truck. The scope of the revision changed the grant applicant from the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to ratify a revised Resolution No. R-22-6. All in favor.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-22-8 authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough of Marcus Hook and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. The term of the agreement is for a period of five (5) years. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Resolution No. R-22-8. All in favor.

There will be an ordinance for the debt we will be incurring from Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority for the renovations to 1015 Green Street in the amount of \$1,025,300. Waiting on the verbiage of this ordinance, but I will have this on Monday.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of March, 2022. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of March, 2022. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor noted the need for an additional crossing guard and requested the appointment of Allison White. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to appoint Allison White, 28 Maple Street, as a crossing guard, upon successful completion of all child abuse and criminal background clearances. All in favor.

Chief Ireland requested authorization to submit two grant applications for funding to purchase bulletproof vests for two officers. Both applications will be submitted to Vest-A-Cop, which is a foundation started to assist in providing resources to local first responders in order to procure lifesaving equipment. This grant will fund up to 90% of the purchase of two bulletproof vests. The remaining costs to purchase two bulletproof vests, not covered by these two grants, will be paid from the police uniform operating budget. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the filing of two grant applications to Vest-A-Cop for the purchase of two bulletproof vests. All in favor.

Manager noted the need to temporarily relocate the Marcus Hook Police Department to the Marcus Hook Community Center, while the renovations to 1015 Green Street are ongoing. During this time the Community Center will be closed for any and all activities outside of Marcus Hook Police Department activities. This temporary move is expected to last between 9-12 months at which point the Community Center will return to its former use. Manager requested Council's authorization to budget an additional \$20,000 of General Funds for the upfitting of the Community Center for the Marcus Hook Police Department's needs, which include electrical, security, and office upfitting. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the temporary relocation of the Marcus Hook Police Department to the Marcus Hook Community Center, as well as authorize an allocation up to \$20,000 of General Funds for the upfitting of the Community Center. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported Council's Highway Committee has recommended the following locations for the 2022 Street Improvement Project pending the receipt of bid proposals: milling and paving of Marshall Avenue from Market to Maiden Lane and Foltz Lane. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to authorize Catania Engineering to prepare the plans and specifications and advertisement for bids for the 2022 Street Improvement Project. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that Marcus Hook Borough has scheduled a Bulk Trash/e-Waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage, located at 1111 Market Street: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event will take place rain or shine from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Free for Borough residents is one free bulk trash item, two free television disposals, and unlimited paper/document shredding, per Borough of Marcus Hook household. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to record and file. All in favor.

#### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Council Recreation Committee Chair C. Evernham announced the entertainment line-up for the Marcus Hook Summer Music Festival - 2022, the thirty-sixth consecutive year, as follows: June 28 – Quaker City String Band, July 5 – Wallstreet, July 12 – Boy in Black, July 19 – Fabulous Greaseband, July 26 – Double Shot - Rock 'n Soul, August 2 – Big Band of the Valley, August 9 – Ferko String Band. All concerts begin at 7:00 PM. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the Entertainment Contracts totaling in the amount of \$13,150 for the summer concerts on June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, and August 9 at Market Square Memorial Park. All in favor.

Manager reminded residents that the Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2022 starting at 12 Noon. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the Entertainment Contracts totaling in the amount of \$16,800 for the Memorial Day Parade. 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 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. The Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 29, 2022 at 2:30 PM at the Marcus Hook Community Center. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-22-9 proclaiming April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Manager reported that for the thirty-seventh 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 29, 2022. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file. All in favor.

Positively acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who coordinated the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, 2022 at Market Square Memorial Park. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to record and file. All in favor.

A fully executed Grant Agreement (Agreement No. BRC-RCP-27-243) between the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Marcus Hook Borough, providing a matching grant of \$43,800 from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund for the Market Square Memorial Park Delaware River Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan, was received on March 23, 2022. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to record and file. All in favor.

### PLANNING AND ZONING

Borough Council held a public meeting on March 29, 2022 to review a Zoning Application for the change of use of the nonconforming property at 24 Marshall Avenue, Folio No. 24-00-00548-00. The application is requesting permission to modify the nonconforming use status of the property to allow the area previously used as a bar to be converted into two first floor apartments. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the issuance of a Zoning Permit, with conditions and safeguards as per the following Specific Requirements. All in favor.

#### Specific Requirements

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### ENVIRONMENT

Application received from Patrick Koch, 2 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, noting his interest in moving from an alternate member to a regular member of the Environmental Advisory Council. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to appoint Patrick Koch as a regular member on the Environmental Advisory Council, term to expire on December 31, 2024. All in favor.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from March 8, 2022 through April 4, 2022 totaled \$\_\_\_\_\_. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:\_\_\_ PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary