

June 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening June 6, 2022, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

A moment of silence was requested for Robert C. Sides, former Borough Councilor from 1979 – 1983, and former Fire Chief of the Marcus Hook Fire Company, who passed away on May 22, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, 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 May totaled \$ _____. Motion by _____ second by _____ to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of May, 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 May, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager reported that a Position Vacancy Announcement was posted for the position of Police Clerk for the Marcus Hook Police Department, applications received, and interviews conducted. Elaine Lawley was offered and accepted the position of Police Clerk, first work day is June 28, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve and ratify the appointment of Elaine Lawley to the position of Police Clerk. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough will be advertising surplus property for sale this month, a Rock Island Armory M60 7.62 Full Auto Machine Gun, Serial Number 10851, manufactured after May 19, 1986. Motion by _____ second by _____ to authorization advertisement of a Rock Island Armory M60 Full Auto Machine Gun for sale in the Delco Times, bids to be opened June 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building. All in favor

Chief Ireland requested authorization to submit a grant application for funding to purchase four bulletproof vests for four officers. The application will be submitted to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership, which was created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, and is a unique US Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to State and Local Law Enforcement. This grant will fund up to 50% of the purchase of bulletproof vests. The remaining costs to purchase the bulletproof vests, not covered by this grant, will be paid from the police uniform operating budget. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve the filing of a grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership for the purchase of four bulletproof vests. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that a Position Vacancy Announcement was posted for the position of one full-time Laborer for the Highway Department, applications received, and interviews conducted. Christopher Santiago was offered and accepted the position of full-time laborer, first work day is June ____, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve and ratify the appointment of Christopher Santiago to a full-time position with the Highway Department. All in favor.

Council's Highway Committee presented the following recommendations for summer/seasonal employment with the Highway Department: Joseph McKnett, 10 Chestnut Street and Jake Persing, 812 Bethel Ave., Upper Chichester, PA for a 24 hour week at \$12.00 per hour, beginning June ____, 2022, respectively and ending in August, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve the recommendation of the Highway Committee covering summer/seasonal employment offering employment to Joseph McKnett and Jake Persing, as summer laborers, 24 hours per week, \$12.00 per hour. All in favor.

The Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (number TSMA-23413) with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation which Borough Council approved when adopting Resolution No. R-22-10 on May 2, 2022 was returned on May 17, 2022 fully executed by PennDOT officials and has been uploaded to TSAMS (Traffic Signal Asset Management System) in the Signal Owner module. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager presented a grant agreement from the County of Delaware in the amount of \$42,750 from the Delaware County Green Ways Municipal Grant Program for the purpose of preparing a Mini-Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve entering into a grant agreement with the County of Delaware in the amount of \$42,750 for the purpose of preparing a Mini-Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan. All in favor.

Manager presented a grant agreement from the County of Delaware in the amount of \$87,600 from the Delaware County Green Ways Municipal Grant Program for the purpose of preparing a Market Square Memorial Park Delaware River Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve entering into a grant agreement with the County of Delaware in the amount of \$87,600 for the purpose of preparing a Market Square Memorial Park Delaware River Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan. All in favor.

Manager requested for advertisement a Request For Proposals (RFP) for both the Mini-Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan as well as the Market Square Memorial Park Delaware River Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve advertisement of a Request For Proposals for both the Mini-Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan as well as the Market Square Memorial Park Delaware River Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Letter received from William Cox, 206 Market Street, advising of his resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Motion by _____ second by _____ to accept the resignation of William Cox from the Planning Commission. All in favor.

Manager presented for the second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance number O-22-3 entitled Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Designation providing for tax exemption for new construction to aging and deteriorated industrial property pursuant to Act. No. 76 of 1977. This ordinance was the subject of a public hearing on March 1, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. O-22-3. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in a letter from Regional Director Patrick Paterson, dated May 11, 2022, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency indicated their support to initiate de-proposal of the East 10th Street Site from the National Priorities List as the site is currently undergoing investigation and remediation through DEP's Land Recycling and Cleanup Program. Motion by _____ second by _____ to receive and file. All in favor.

Positively acknowledged was Braskem for coordinating, with Pennsylvania Cleanways d/b/a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for trash and marine debris removal along the Delaware River and Marcus Hook Creek. On May 4, 2022 volunteers from Braskem came together to remove trash and other marine debris at Market Square Memorial Park along the banks of the Delaware River and collected trash and debris along Marcus Hook Creek between 10th Street (US Route 13) and just south of the AMTRAK rail corridor. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported that the MHTFD in April responded to ___ fire alarms and in May responded to ___ fire alarms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from May 3, 2022 through June 6, 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