

May 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 2, 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, 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 April totaled \$ _____. Motion by _____ second by _____ to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Representatives from Delaware County and the Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority presented the Borough of Marcus Hook with a check in the amount of \$1,423.39. Chief Ireland applied and was approved for a grant in this amount for the purpose of reimbursement of defined community outreach and/or recruiting activities expenses.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Council President Josephine Laird appointed Larry Killinen as a Council representative on the Marcus Hook Community Development Corporation Board of Directors to fill the vacancy on the Board left by the resignation of Paula Ewing.

Manager advised that the Borough has received approval for a \$1,032,000 loan (General Obligation Note - Series 2022) from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority to undertake certain capital projects consisting of the renovations to 1015 Green Street and the costs incurred to issue the 2022 Note. Introduced for adoption was Borough Ordinance No. O-22-4 to incur non-electoral debt in the amount of \$1,032,000, approves the CIP Projects, and states the estimated useful life of the CIP Projects; States the determination that a private sale by negotiation is in the best interest of the Borough; accepts the Loan Commitment submitted by the DelVal to purchase the Notes for \$1,032,000; agrees to pay DelVal's origination costs in the amount not to exceed \$5,160; and sets the dates to purchase the Notes; approves the substantial forms of the Loan Documents and authorizes the execution and delivery of all necessary documents; sets forth the principal amortization schedule and the maximum annual debt service payments at the maximum interest rate of 15%; authorized and awards a Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement related to the Notes; pledges the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the Borough to guarantee the timely payment of all amounts due and payable under the Notes and Loan Agreement; pledges the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the Borough for the timely payment of all scheduled, periodic payments due under the Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement and covenants to budget and appropriate funds for the payment of any Termination Charges; establishes a Sinking fund and appoints Computershare Corporate Trust, as the Sinking Fund Depository; authorized and directs filing the application for the approval of the issuance of the Notes to the Department of

Community and Economic Development; authorizes and directs the advertisement of the enactment of the Ordinance; and repeals any conflicting prior ordinances. This Ordinance was duly advertised on April, 25, 2022. Motion by _____ second by _____ to adopt Ordinance O-22-4. All in favor.

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

Manager noted a letter of resignation was received from part-time police officer, Justin Major, effective May 9, 2021. Motion by _____ second by _____ to accept Justin Major's letter of resignation as a part-time police officer. All in favor.

Presented was a proposed amendment to the Marcus Hook Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 1.8.1-1, Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Action, Subsection V. Professional Conduct and Responsibilities, Article L. Reporting Violations of Laws, Ordinances, Rules, or Orders shall be changed to read as follows: *Officers and employees cited or charged with violations of the laws while off-duty as well as knowing of other officers or employees violating laws, ordinances rules, or policies of this Department, shall report same, in writing, to the Chief of Police through the chain of command. If the officer or employee believes the information is of such a grave nature that it must be brought to the immediate personal attention of the Chief of Police, the chain of command may be bypassed.* Motion by _____ second by _____ to amend the Marcus Hook Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual, by amending Section 1.8.1-1, Subsection V., Article L. as written above. All in favor.

The Marcus Hook Police Department will temporarily relocate to the Marcus Hook Community Center while renovations are ongoing on Friday, May 20, 2022. This temporary relocation is expected to last for the duration of the renovations project which is approximately 9-12 months. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-22-10, a resolution authorizing entering into a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Motion by _____ second by _____ to approve a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. All in favor.

The Borough of Marcus Hook hosted a bulk trash/e-waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 10AM – 12PM. Residents were entitled to one free bulk trash item, free television disposals, and free shredding. The Borough collected 15 televisions which will be turned over to ECOvanta for recycling, at no cost to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Borough is accepting applications for employment for a full-time laborer with the Highway Department. The Borough will continue accepting applications for this position until it has been filled. Motion by _____ second by _____ to authorize the Borough Manager and Director – Highway Department, in conjunction with Council's Highway sub-committee to appoint a qualified individual to this vacancy at the earliest possible time, returning to Borough Council for ratification of appointment. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The 2022 Arbor Day Program was held on April 29th at the Marcus Hook Community Center. One Hawthorn tree was planted on the grounds of the Marcus Hook Community Center. Rich Deppen, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry Service Forester, presented the Borough with its 37th Year Tree City USA recognition materials. Students from the Marcus Hook Elementary School fourth grade class attended and participated in the program. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in a letter dated April 20, 2022 from Ragesh Patel, Regional Manager-Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, notified FMC Corporation that the Remedial Investigation Report, Risk Assessment Report and Cleanup Plan for the East 10th Street Site was approved in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 2. FMC will now move forward with the implementation of the Cleanup Plan for the site. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

LIBRARY

The Mary M. Campbell Library will be temporarily closing for in-person visitors on Saturday, May 14, 2022. This temporary closure is expected to last for most of the duration of the renovation project. The library will still host virtual programs and have book pick-up/drop-off available during the closure. Motion by _____ second by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from April 5, 2022 through May 2, 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