

April 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening April 6, 2021, 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 the victims of the two mass shootings in Atlanta, Georgia and Boulder, Colorado which occurred in March.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Paula Ewing, 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 B. Mercadante second by M. Manerchia 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 \$735,882.50. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager reported that the Borough's Annual Audit and Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2020 has been completed and received. The Condensed Audit and Financial Report will be published in the Daily Times on April 7th, 2021, and the audit is available for public inspection at the Borough's administrative office. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented a Host Community Agreement between the Borough and Braskem Americas, Inc. providing for the Borough to serve as the Host Community for Braskem Americas, Inc.'s polypropylene manufacturing plant. Motion by B. Mercadante second by P. Ewing to approve the Host Community Agreement with Braskem Americas, Inc. All in favor.

Manager presented a Recycling Services Agreement and Amendment #1 to the Recycling Services Agreement with ECOvanta, LLC. The Recycling Services Agreement and Amendment #1 to the agreement are for the purpose of providing free television recycling services to the Borough of Marcus Hook for a set period of time. This agreement is for the term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 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 M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to enter into a Recycling Services Agreement and Amendment #1 to the Recycling Services Agreement for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 with ECOvanta, LLC. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of March, 2021. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham 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, 2021. Motion by B. Mercadante second by P. Ewing to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-21-6, updating the Marcus Hook Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual to Version 2021.1. The purpose of this manual is to set forth a statement of the current policies, rules and guidelines of the Marcus Hook Police Department, which all Marcus Hook Borough Police Officers are to conform to. The nature of the changes included in Version 2021.1 are limited to merging the existing 2.4.1 Traffic Enforcement policy with new policies and procedures around body-worn cameras and creating a new section which covers both in section 2.4.0 Traffic & Mobile Video Recording. Motion by P. Ewing second by B. Mercadante to adopt Resolution No. R-21-6. All in favor.

Manager presented an Agreement from the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 27 which outlines an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement relating to section 13.1 Vacation Leave as well as a vacation benefit adjustment to be applied as to the individual police Officer affected by the dispute. Motion by B. Mercadante second by P. Ewing to execute the Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27 as it relates to section 13.1 Vacation Leave of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a vacation benefit adjustment. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported Council's Highway Committee has recommended the following locations for the 2021 Street Improvement Project pending the receipt of bid proposals: milling and paving of Market Street from 5th to 10th Street and Church Street from 8th to 10th Street. Motion by M. Manerchia second by P. Ewing to authorize Catania Engineering to prepare the plans and specifications and advertisement for bids for the 2021 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 24th. The event will take place rain or shine from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Borough is offering two free television disposals, per Borough of Marcus Hook household. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

In keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Shade Tree Commission has recommended the passage of a municipal Resolution proclaiming April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. In acknowledgement of Arbor Day, the Borough will be planting a Yellowwood tree at Robert F. Haebel Plaza this year. Motion by M. Manerchia second by P. Ewing to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-21-7 proclaiming April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Manager reported that for the thirty-sixth 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. Motion by C. Everngham second by B. Mercadante to receive and file. All in favor.

Positively acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who coordinated the Easter Bucket Handout on March 27, 2021 at the Community Center. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Letter received from Patrick Koch, 2 E. 9th Street, advising of his resignation from the Recreation and Park Board, effective immediately. Motion by B. Mercadante second by P. Ewing to accept the resignation of Patrick Koch from the Recreation and Park Board. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing reported that the MHTFD in March, 2021 responded to 46 fire alarms.

Councilor W. Cox wanted to thank the Marcus Hook Pharmacy for reaching out to residents for COVID-19 shots.

Mayor G. Taylor questioned when the speed bumps would be installed on Maiden Lane.

Manager A. Weldon noted that the Borough ordered two speed bumps when the decision was made to put speed bumps on Maiden Lane, but since the speed bump at the bottom of Yates Avenue needed to be widened, we will have to order an additional speed bump. These will likely be installed by the end of April.

Mayor G. Taylor also noted that someone was struck by a vehicle on Cedar Street, and therefore the Marcus Hook Police Department will be conducting a traffic study on vehicle counts and speeds on this street.

Manager A. Weldon noted that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 29th, 2021 beginning at Noon. A. Weldon also noted that the Hometown Heroes Banners are currently going back up and should be completed soon.

Mayor G. Taylor questioned whether the Borough could use the American Rescue Funds that are coming to the Borough in the amount of \$240,000 on additional cameras on Green Street and Market Street in the Borough. Manager A. Weldon noted that he was given information that these funds could be used for Broadband, however if cameras would fit in that criteria was a question he didn't have an answer on at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, reminded residents of the clean-up event on May 14th and 15th. The clean-up along the Delaware River will take place in the morning/afternoon on the 14th and the clean-up along the Marcus Hook Creek will take place on the 15th. These are open to volunteers.

Lorraine also noted that she was planning on bringing the monthly reports submitted to the Environmental Advisory Council, to the Borough Council meeting but was unable to. She noted she would send the reports to the Borough email address for the office to print out and provide to Borough Council. There was a question on whether Braskem covered the recent butane leak in their report, and Lorraine confirmed it was covered in the report. Lorraine further commented that she had some questions on the Braskem monthly report which were followed up and answered by Jeff Hirt from Braskem.

Lorraine questioned what chemicals were present in the leaking PECO manhole at the exit to Braksem's facility. Manager A. Weldon noted that he went through his notes from the most recent call regarding this leaking manhole and the only chemical that was specifically mentioned as being included in the water was one called vinyl chloride.

Lorraine questioned if the Borough was notified of Drawbridge moving into the Honeywell facility and Councilor M. Manerchia noted that they weren't moving into the Honeywell site in Pennsylvania, but instead in the old General Chemical site in Claymont, DE. Lorraine questioned whether Drawbridge could be invited to join the EAC, and Manager A. Weldon noted that the by-laws for the EAC were written for Marcus Hook, Trainer, and Lower Chichester.

Mayor G. Taylor questioned Lorraine about the time for the clean-up on the 14th and 15th of May. Lorraine noted that the times were based on the tidal times of those days, but she thought low-tide was around 10:30AM on Friday and Saturday. Mayor G. Taylor said to count him in for volunteering to help clean up.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from March 2, 2021 through April 6, 2021 totaled \$199,928.29. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia 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 7:27 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary