

May 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 2, 2022, 7:01 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Flynn, Council President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Brian Mercadante. Also present was Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Laird second by C. Evernham 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 \$95,556.30. Motion by B. Mercadante second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Paul Johnson from 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 M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to adopt Ordinance O-22-4. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Borough is accepting applications for a part-time Code Enforcement assistant to work between 16-24 hours per week. Applications will be accepted until this position has been filled. Motion by B. Mercadante second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of April, 2022. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Laird to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Manager Weldon presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of April, 2022. Motion by J. Laird second by B. Mercadante 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, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia 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 B. Mercadante second by L. Killinen 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 on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, while renovations are ongoing at 1015 Green Street. This temporary relocation is expected to last for the duration of the renovations project which is approximately 9-12 months. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented a Towing and Storage Agreement with Steve Luongo's Towing, Inc. covering abandoned vehicles, and vehicles involved in auto accidents or impounded because of an involvement in a crime or in a criminal conduct. Motion by J. Laird second by B. Mercadante to approve the Towing and Storage Agreement with Steve Luongo's Towing, Inc. J. Flynn, C. Evernham, J. Laird, B. Mercadante, L. Killinen - YES; M. Manerchia - NO. Motion carried 5-1.

### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-22-10, a resolution authorizing the Borough of Marcus Hook to enter into a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to approve a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. All in favor.

Manager presented a Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract with Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. to perform preventative maintenance and repair work to the traffic signals in the Borough. The annual cost of the preventative maintenance piece of the contract is \$1,330, billed annually for preventative maintenance at seven traffic signal locations. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to approve a Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract with Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. 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 were turned over to ECOvanta for recycling, at no cost to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by B. Mercadante second by L. Killinen 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 B. Mercadante second by J. Laird 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.

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 May 26, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

#### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The 2022 Arbor Day Program was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Marcus Hook Community Center. One Hawthorn tree was planted on the grounds of the Marcus Hook Community Center. The Borough was presented with its 37<sup>th</sup> Year Tree City USA recognition materials. Students from the Marcus Hook Elementary School fourth grade class attended and participated in the program. Motion by B. Mercadante second by L. Killinen 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 J. Laird second by B. Mercadante 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 B. Mercadante second by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that Tianjia Wang has been appointed by Borough Council to serve as the Director/Librarian of the Mary M. Campbell Library effective May 15, 2022. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported that the MHTFD in March, 2022 responded to 39 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Laird reminded the public that the Marcus Hook Community Center will be closed and the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct voting location will be at the main offices of the Alan McIlvain Company at 4<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets temporarily, while the Marcus Hook Community Center remains closed. Councilor J. Laird noted that the Bureau of Elections should have mailed notifications to each resident in the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct.

Councilor L. Killinen, C. Evernham, and Manager A. Weldon wished all of the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day!

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that there is a cleanup in the Borough on May 4<sup>th</sup> of this week. Lorraine also noted that she sent an email to 3 individuals from Lower Chichester Township asking if they would be available and ready for the next in-person EAC meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Manager A. Weldon noted that he had spoken, individually, to EAC reps from both Trainer and Lower Chichester before he made the meeting advertisement and they were on board with going back to in-person meetings. Lorraine continued that at the next EAC meeting she would be bringing up the topic of how the EAC essentially stopped running during the pandemic and meetings were not taking place.

Stacy Yates, 1048 Yates Avenue, posed a number of topics she had questions/comments on: The first is what is the plan for Mickey Vernon Park? Stacy noted that certain children are using foul language, have brought weapons to the park, and she questioned what the Borough will be doing to address this. Manager A. Weldon noted that if someone has a weapon and is brandishing it, the first thing they should do is call 911. Chief J. Ireland noted that the age of culpability is 10 and that he would review the police reports, however noted that due to the fact that these are public parks it would be almost impossible to ban someone. Stacy also questioned what the status of the Williamson Field playground. Manager A. Weldon noted that the play equipment was ordered, but it has been delayed significantly, however he received an email from Lyon's Recreation noting it was in and an install date needed to be scheduled. Stacy questioned whether the basketball nets could be reinstalled at the end of Yates Avenue. Chief Ireland, Resident Lorraine Daliessio, and Councilor B. Mercadante all spoke on the last time the nets were installed and the crime and other issues that took place as a result of these nets being installed. Finally, Stacy noted an issue at the parking lot at the corner of Yates Avenue and Chestnut Street, she noted that cars are parking outside of designated parking spots making it difficult to drive through and park in the lot. Manager A. Weldon noted that he would speak to the Highway Department about re-striping this lot, and this combined with increase ticketing for illegal parking should take care of the problem.

### 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 \$212,708.92. Motion by C. Evernham second by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary