October 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening October 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice-President M. Manerchia, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Larry Killinen, Michael Manerchia, Lauren Ottinger and Janette Weigand. Also present were Mayor, Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger 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

The Borough Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of September 2026, totaled $342,698.02. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Killinen to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

The Borough Manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from September 9, 2026 through October 5, 2026, totaled $647,106.08. Motion by L. Ottinger second by J. Weigand to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Taylor and Borough Council wish to express their sincerest appreciation by way of a special plaque presentation to commend the efforts of Marcus Hook Police Officers – Joshua DiSylvestro and Ginger Dunbar, and Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department Firefighter/Highway Department Employee – Jake Persing, for their courageous and selfless actions on the night of July 7, 2026 during a fire in an apartment at the Star Bar and Hotel. Their actions directly contributed to mitigating the fire and preventing further injury or property destruction.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for ratification, change order number 1 from Ernel Company, Inc. for streetscape work on Walnut Street from 10th Street to Dalton Lane for changes in quantities of concrete curb, walk, wearing course milling and resurfacing, 4’ high chain link and 6’ high privacy fence, and concrete steps in the total amount of $27,923.50. The Office of Housing and Community Development has approved the request to cover this change order. Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger to approve change order number 1 from Ernel Company, Inc. for the streetscape work on Walnut Street from 10th Street to Dalton Lane. All in favor.

Manager announced that in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month the Borough of Marcus Hook will be accepting donations to help raise breast cancer awareness that will be collected through the month of October and will be remitted to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Donations can be made at the Municipal Building at 1111 Market Street. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Killinen to collect donations on behalf of Breast Cancer Awareness month and remit the gross receipts at month-end to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. All in favor.

Manager presented amendment 2 to the Pipeline Easement Agreement, for a 6" nitrogen gas pipeline along 4th Street, between the Brough of Marcus Hook and Messer North America, Inc. This amendment extends the easement agreement for an additional five years, until 2031, in exchange for an annual fee to the Borough of Marcus Hook in the amount of $25,000 per year. Motion by L. Ottinger second by J. Weigand to approve and execute amendment 2 to the pipeline easement agreement between the Borough of Marcus Hook and Messer North America, Inc. All in favor.

State Representative Carol Kazeem announced that the Borough of Marcus Hook has been awarded the following Local Share Account grants approved and distributed from the Commonwealth Financing Authority: $200,000 for renovations to the Curt Weldon Community Center, $100,000 for the MHTFD to replace self-contained breathing apparatuses, and $50,399 for the Marcus Hook Police Department to replace tasers. Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager requested an unbudgeted allocation from the Capital Reserve fund in the amount of $5,490 for Phoenix Security to move and secure camera equipment and related data transmission lines atop 1015 Green Street, as well as $4,000 for T.A.G. Home Remodeling & Masonry LLC to repoint the chimney and problem areas along the back wall of 1015 Green Street. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Killinen to approve an unbudgeted allocation of $5,490 for Phoenix Security and $4,000 for T.A.G. Home Remodeling & Masonry LLC. All in favor.

Manager requested Borough Council's approval to apply for a Local Share Account grant in the upcoming round of grant submissions, closing on November 30, 2026, in the amount of $1,000,000 to help offset the cost of stormwater improvements on Green Street/Market Street. Presented was Borough Resolution No R-26-13. Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger to approve Resolution No R-26-13 in support of the Borough of Marcus Hook's application to the Local Share Account grant program closing on November 30, 2026. All in favor.

ENGINEERING

Manager presented the Engineering Report for the month of September, 2026. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Weigand to receive and file the Engineering Report. All in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Manager presented the Code Enforcement Report for the month of September, 2026. Motion by L. Ottinger second by L. Killinen to receive and file the Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of September, 2026. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Weigand to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor announced Breakfast with a Badge, which is an opportunity for residents to get to know officers from the Marcus Hook Police Department over breakfast. Breakfast with a Badge will take place on Saturday, October 10th from 9AM to 11AM at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. This event was sponsored by Energy Transfer. Motion by L. Ottinger second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

Chief Ireland presented a request for Council authorization to pursue a public or private grant or contribution from the Grant Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for the purchase of bulletproof vests for new hires or officers whose vests have expired. This grant program will cover up to 50% of the purchase price of a new bulletproof vest. Motion by L. Ottinger second by L. Killinen to approve Chief Ireland's grant request for the Grant Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. All in favor.

Chief Ireland requested Borough Council's approval to apply for a Local Share Account grant in the upcoming round of grant submissions, closing on November 30, 2026, in the amount of $163,141 to offset the cost of camera upgrades to the boroughwide camera system. Presented was Borough Resolution No R-26-14. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Killinen to approve Resolution No R-26-14 in support of the Marcus Hook Police Department's application to the Local Share Account grant program closing on November 30, 2026. All in favor.

HIGHWAY

Manager reminded residents that there is a Boroughwide cleanup day scheduled for Saturday, October 10th. Additionally, the Borough is hosting a bulk trash day on the 10th at the Highway Garage from 10AM – 12PM. Residents, with proof of residency, will be eligible to dispose of one bulk trash item, free television disposals, and free shredding. Motion by L. Ottinger second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

FIRE

Councilor L. Killinen presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of September, 2026. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Ottinger to receive and file the Fire Report. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Councilor J. Weigand presented the Library Report for the month of September, 2026. Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger to receive and file the Library Report. All in favor.

HISTORY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society was positively acknowledged for coordinating the Pirate Festival held on September 19, 2026 at Market Square Memorial Park. The event was well attended and was a success. Motion by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Manager noted that the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board has scheduled and will be hosting a Halloween Table or Treat event for children, at Market Square Memorial Park on Sunday, October 25th at 6:00 PM. Motion by L. Ottinger second by J. Weigand to record and file. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Manager presented the first reading of Borough Ordinance No. O-26-3, which would amend the Borough Code, Chapter 196 Zoning, to provide regulations of data centers and related uses within the HI – Heavy Industrial Zoning District. Motion by L. Ottinger second by J. Weigand to submit for review and comment, Ordinance O-26-3, to the Borough of Marcus Hook and Delaware County Planning Departments, with a public hearing to be established after comments are received from the respective planning departments. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor M. Manerchia reminded residents that fall was coming and with that, wet leaves which are slippery. He also cautioned everyone to be careful of kids while driving, he noted 28 kids at Mickey Vernon Park this evening. He reminded residents that if you see something unusual to please report it to the Borough or the Marcus Hook Police Department and to watch out for one another.

Chief J. Ireland reminded residents that the Marcus Hook Police Department was hosting Breakfast with a Badge this Saturday the 10th from 9AM to 11AM at Cokesbury Church on Market Street.

Councilor M. Manerchia added, to Code Enforcement Officer Ken Seibert, that it appears they are renovating the building behind his home. Ken noted he would look into the permitting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, questioned why there were no recorded minutes for the agenda meetings. She also questioned why some of the meeting minutes were not uploaded to the website. She asked how residents could find the missing minutes. Manager A. Weldon noted that he would get with the municipal clerk to make sure all minutes that were approved were on the website, it was likely an oversight. Lorraine noted that she hoped plans were in place for Chiquita. Lorraine mentioned the 9/23 meeting on data centers which was well attended. Lorraine also mentioned the 10/1 EAC meeting in Trainer, she noted the next meeting is in November and the Marcus Hook representatives did not attend, despite John Gasparo sending a reminder email. Lorraine finally asked for the contractor information for the company who worked on the Williamson Field rain garden as she believes they are responsible for paving damage on or next to her property.

Cynthia Armstrong, 312 White Avenue, noted that the Borough should have penalties that commensurate and severe enough that entities don't break the law in the first place.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by L. Killinen second by L. Ottinger. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Manager