



GREATER
SHEPPARTON

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

5.30pm, Tuesday 2 June 2020

VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

COUNCILLORS

Cr Seema Abdullah (Mayor)
Cr Dinny Adem (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Bruce Giovanetti
Cr Chris Hazelman OAM
Cr Kim O'Keeffe
Cr Les Oroszvary
Cr Dennis Patterson
Cr Fern Summer
Cr Shelley Sutton

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

*A THRIVING ECONOMY IN THE FOODBOWL OF VICTORIA WITH
EXCELLENT LIFESTYLES, INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE
A DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND
ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES*

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FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 2 JUNE, 2020 AT 5.30PM**

**CHAIR
CR SEEMA ABDULLAH**

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RISK LEVEL MATRIX LEGEND

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

- Extreme** Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation
- High** Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.
- Medium** Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls
- Low** Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

PRESENT: Councillors Seema Abdullah, Dinny Adem, Bruce Giovanetti, Chris Hazelman OAM, Kim O’Keeffe, Les Oroszvary, Dennis Patterson, Fern Summer and Shelley Sutton.

**OFFICERS: Peter Harriott – Chief Executive Officer
Boboleia Kom – Official Minute Taker
Rebecca Good – Deputy Minute Taker**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We the Greater Shepparton City Council, begin today’s meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton. We pay respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture, and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

2. PRIVACY POLICY

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 Councillors are required to disclose a “conflict of interest” in a decision if they would receive, or could reasonably be perceived as receiving a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

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Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report
Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

At the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2020, the Greater Shepparton City Council resolved to advertise its proposed budget and call for submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("the Act"). The public notice period closed at 5.00pm Friday 29 May 2020. Close to 30 submissions were received with a portion of those requesting to be heard by Council.

Submissions ranged in content however generally contained the following themes:

- Objecting to the municipal charge and other rating strategy elements;
- Third party organisations requesting additional financial support; and
- Requests for support for local sporting groups in response to COVID-19.

Cr Summer arrived at 5.32 pm.

Moved by Cr Hazelman OAM

Seconded by Cr Patterson

That standing orders be suspended to allow submitters to be heard.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Council heard presentations from 11 submitters.

Moved by Cr O’Keeffe

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Moved by Cr Adem

Seconded by Cr Giovanetti

That the Council:

1. receive and note the submissions in response to the public advertisement of the Draft Budget 2020/2021;
2. acknowledge the verbal presentations which have been made in support of the submissions;

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3. formally consider all received submissions and the adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 at 5.30pm.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED.

Background

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, Council is required to give "public notice" that it intends to adopt a budget. The draft budget document must be made available for inspection for a period of 28 days and submissions invited from members of the public.

Council at the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 resolved to advertise its proposed budget and to call for submissions under Section 223 of the Act. The public notice period closed at 5.00pm Friday 29 May 2020.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 (including the draft rating strategy) is consistent with the strategic goals of the Council Plan:

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 also includes Service Performance Outcome indicators and Financial Performance indicators as required by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 No. 17*. The final outcomes of these indicators will be reported in the 2020/2021 audited annual report.

Risk Management

A well planned budget will reduce the risk that Council will not be able to provide the services expected and required by the community.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Failure to comply with the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>	Unlikely	1	High	Special meeting scheduled 2 June to hear submissions. Ordinary meeting to adopt budget scheduled 16 June to achieve 30 June deadline. Draft budget document developed following the Model Budget best practice guide from Local Government Victoria.
Operating surplus not achieved	Possible	3	Medium	Monthly and Quarterly Budget Reviews reported to Council
Capital works budget not delivered within the financial year	Possible	3	Medium	Project bids and cost estimates have been reviewed

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Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with Council policy. The annual budget resources the Council Plan to enable the outcomes in the Council Plan to be achieved, including Council policies. The rating strategy determines how the rates burden is distributed amongst ratepayers.

Financial Implications

The full financial implications are outlined in the Draft Budget 2020/2021 document.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 129 of the Act requires the Council to give public notice of the preparation of the budget and a person has a right to make a submission on any proposal contained in the budget.

Section 223 of the Act covers the right to make a submission and states that the Council must publish a public notice stating that a person making a submission is entitled to request in the submission that the person wishes to appear in person at a meeting to be heard in support of the submission. If a request is made under this clause, Council must provide the person with the opportunity to be heard in support of the submission at a meeting of the Council.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental and sustainability impacts have been considered when developing the Draft Budget 2020/2021.

Social Implications

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 provides resources for the implementation of various strategies, plans, works and the delivery of services required to achieve the objectives of the Council plan including an active and engaged community.

Economic Impacts

The boost from the Greater Shepparton City Council capital works program is important with currently \$59.7 million of infrastructure works proposed for the 2020/2021 financial year to encourage economic activity. A number of initiatives are also proposed in the Economic Development and Marketing & Communications program areas designed to encourage economic and tourism activity within the Greater Shepparton municipality.

Consultation

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 has taken into account the goals and strategies of the Council Plan and the strategic directions of the Strategic Resource Plan.

Public notice was given in the Shepparton News on Friday 1 May 2020 that Council's Draft Budget 2020/2021 had been prepared and was available for inspection on Council's website or upon request and that written submissions were invited in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Submissions were to be received by 5.00pm Friday 29 May 2020.

Two public information sessions via Zoom were made available to the community on Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Advertisements on the Draft Budget 2020/2021 were placed in the Shepparton Adviser 6 May and Shepparton News 8 May along with significant social media campaign to raise awareness.

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It should also be noted that the Draft Budget 2020/2021 provides funding for nominated projects and where appropriate further community consultation will occur throughout the year specific to each project.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep informed	Media Releases Social Media Council Website
Consult	Inform, Listen, Acknowledge	Public submissions Hearing of submissions

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 (including the draft rating strategy) is linked to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy* via the Council Plan

b) Other strategic links

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 is linked to the Council Plan by the funding of the Strategic Objectives contained in the Council Plan.

Conclusion

The public notice period for submissions on the Draft Budget 2020/2021 was open from Friday 1 May 2020 and closed at 5.00pm Friday 29 May 2020. Close to 30 submissions were received with a portion of those requesting to be heard by Council.

Attachments

Nil

Meeting Closed at 6.30 pm