

AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 1 June 2021

VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

COUNCILLORS

Cr Kim O'Keeffe (Mayor)
Cr Robert Priestly (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Seema Abdullah
Cr Anthony Brophy
Cr Geoffrey Dobson
Cr Greg James
Cr Shane Sali
Cr Sam Spinks
Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**A G E N D A
FOR THE
ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2021 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR KIM O'KEEFFE
MAYOR**

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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:

1 Welcome to Country

To be presented by Cr James on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

2 Acknowledgement

“We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

3 Privacy Notice

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.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

Nil Received.

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

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

7 Corporate Services Directorate

7.1 Draft Budget 2021/2022 - Hearing of Section 223 Submissions

Author	Management Accountant
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That standing orders be suspended to allow submitters to be heard in support of their written submissions on the Draft Budget 2021/22.

Council to hear presentations from submitters.

RECOMMENDATION

That standing orders be resumed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. receive and note the submissions in response to the public advertisement of the Draft Budget 2021/2022;**
- 2. acknowledge and thank those who have presented to Councillors in support of their submissions; and**
- 3. formally consider all received submissions and the adoption of the 2021/2022 Budget at the Council Meeting to be held at 3:00pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021.**

Executive Summary

At the April Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2021, the Greater Shepparton City Council resolved to advertise its proposed budget and call for submissions in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* under Section 96 of the

Local Government Act 2020 (“the Act”). The public notice period closed at 5:00pm Friday 21 May 2021.

Report Detail

Council at the April Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2021 resolved to advertise its proposed budget and to call for submissions under Section 96 of the Act. The public notice period closed at 5:00pm Friday 21 May 2021.

Council Plan / Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.4 Financial management is responsible and effective in responding to challenges and constraints with a focus on the financial sustainability of the Council.

1.9 Service standards and service delivery models are realistic and meet community expectations and demand while being financially viable and in line with Council’s core business.

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 Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government Act 2020	Unlikely	1	High	Special meeting scheduled 1 June to hear submissions. Ordinary meeting to adopt budget scheduled 15 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 requests and costs estimates have been reviewed

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.

Financial Implications

The full financial implications are outlined in the Draft Budget 2021/2022 document.

Legal / Statutory Implications

Section 96 of the Act allows for this budget to gain community consultation in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 which 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 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 wished 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 2021/2022, including initiatives to achieve Council's 2030 zero carbon emissions goal.

Social Implications

The Draft Budget 2021/2022 provides resources for the implementation of various strategies, plans, works and the delivery of services required to achieved the objectives of the Council plan including an active and engaged community.

Economic Impacts

The proposed capital works program of \$71.19 million for 2021/2022 will aid the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by providing opportunities for local businesses. A full events calendar, including the opening of the new Shepparton Art Museum (SAM), will attract much needed tourism back to the region.

Consultation

Public notice was given in the Shepparton News on Friday 23 April 2021 that Council's Draft Budget 2021/2022 has 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 under Section 96 of the Act.

Submissions were to be received by 5:00pm Friday 21 May 2021.

Advertisements on the Draft Budget 2021/2022 were placed in the Shepparton Advisor 12 May and Shepparton News 14 May along with significant social media campaign to raise awareness.

It should also be noted that the Draft Budget 2021/2022 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 Shaping Greater Shepp Website
Consult	Inform, Listen, Acknowledge	Public Submissions Hearing of Submissions

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- The Draft Budget 2021/2022 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 of submissions on the Draft Budget 2021/2022 was open from Friday 23 April 2021 and closed at 5:00pm Friday 21 May 2021. Submissions received include a portion requesting to be heard by Council.

Attachments

Nil



8 Close of Meeting