

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 26 March 2024

In the Council Boardroom, Welsford Street

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

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.

**MINUTES
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR SHANE SALI
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.

Risk Matrix			Consequence				
			Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
			1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood	Rare	1	LOW 1	LOW 2	LOW 3	LOW 4	MEDIUM 5
	Unlikely	2	LOW 2	LOW 4	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 10
	Possible	3	LOW 3	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 9	HIGH 12	HIGH 15
	Likely	4	LOW 4	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 12	HIGH 16	EXTREME 20
	Almost Certain	5	MEDIUM 5	HIGH 10	HIGH 15	EXTREME 20	EXTREME 25

Low	1-4
Medium	5-9
High	10-16
Extreme	17-25

- 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: Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)
Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Seema Abdullah
Cr Dinny Adem
Cr Anthony Brophy
Cr Geoffrey Dobson
Cr Greg James
Cr Ben Ladson
Cr Fern Summer

Officers:	Fiona Le Gassick	Chief Executive Officer
	Louise Mitchell	Director Community
	Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
	Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
	Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
	Rebecca Good	Official Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

Cr James will now present a Welcome to Country 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.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes 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.

Nil Received.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Dobson

That the minutes of the 27 February 2024 Council Meeting and 19 March 2024 Additional Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Community Planning Policy Update

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council adopt the Community Planning Policy, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10.2 Community Asset Committee Annual Report 21/22

**Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

**That the Council note the financial and performance statements of Council's 17
Community Asset Committees for the 2021/22 financial year, as attached.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - February 2024

Moved by Cr James
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council:

1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and
2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 February 2024 Monthly Financial Report

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Abdullah**

That the Council note the February 2024 Monthly Financial Report, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 Reappointment of Independent Members to the Audit & Risk Management Committee

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council endorse the reappointment of:

- 1. Goran Mitrevski as Chair to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a further 12 months, expiring 31 May 2025: and**
- 2. Stephen Coates as Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a further three years, expiring 30 April 2027.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.2 Proposed Sale of land - 45 Parkside Drive, Shepparton - Goulburn Valley Health and Victorian Health Building Authority proposals

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council:

1. note the conclusion of the community engagement process which was conducted under Section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020;
2. receive and note the attached Conversation Report - Proposed sale of land at 45 Parkside Drive, Department of Health and Goulburn Valley Health February 2023, summarising and providing officer responses to all submissions received or heard in relation to the proposed sale of the two parcels of land at 45 Parkside Drive, Shepparton to the Department of Health and Goulburn Valley Health respectively;
3. sell that part of the land at 45 Parkside Drive, Shepparton marked red (5985m² approximately) on the allotment plan (being part of the land in certificate of title volume 11116 folio 382) by private treaty to the Victorian Government (Department of Health) for the purposes of an Early Parenting Centre, and sell that part of the land at 45 Parkside Drive marked yellow (7761m² approximately) on the allotment plan to Goulburn Valley Health for the purposes of staff accommodation;
4. both sales are to be on the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) the price for each sale shall be the market value of each parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General Victoria, having regard to the community benefit to be derived from each sale;
 - (b) settlement of each parcel will be conditional on registration of a plan of subdivision creating separate titles for each parcel;
 - (c) access prior to settlement for construction and social use may be granted to the purchasers under a lease, licence or other mechanism approved by the Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (d) each sale is to be conditional upon the purchaser completing appropriate due diligence in respect of each respective site.
5. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documentation and do all things necessary to complete the transactions with the Victorian Government (Department of Health), and Goulburn Valley Health; and

6. **inform all submitters of Council's decision in relation to this matter and the reasons for the decision in each case.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13 Confidential Management Reports

Nil Received.

14 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

15 Councillor Reports

15.1 Councillor Activities

15.1.1 Councillor Activities - February 2024

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

16 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

Nil Received.

17 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

18 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 4:11pm.