

# MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

## COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00PM, Tuesday 23 July 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 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 23 JULY 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 Ben Ladson  
Cr Fern Summer

<b>Officers:</b>	Fiona Le Gassick	Chief Executive Officer
	Louise Mitchell	Director Community
	Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
	Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
	Janaka Samaranayake	Official Minute Taker
	Lisa Edwards	Deputy Minute Taker

## 1 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.

## 2 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.

## 3 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.

## 4 Apologies

Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the apology from Cr Greg James be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 5 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.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the minutes of the 25 June 2024 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**



## 7 Public Question Time

**The following public questions were submitted to Council in accordance with our Governance Rules and the answers therein were provided by Council officers.**

### **GV Link**

1. What will the 9.6 million dollar loan in this year's budget cover?

New borrowings of \$9,675,000 were included in the 2024/2025 Adopted Budget. These borrowings are planned to finance the construction of GV Link Stage 1 Project, until income resulting from land sales for the project will be received. This purpose is aligned with appropriate use of borrowings as outlined in Council's Borrowing Policy.

2. Where will the rest of the funds for the project come from?

The cost of the project will be funded by a combination of land sales and grant funding. The loan principal for these borrowings, is planned to be re-paid when income resulting from land sales for the project are received.

## 8 Deputations and Petitions

### 8.1 Petition for improved facilities and services of villages in Greater Shepparton

Moved by Cr Ladson  
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council receive and note the petition titled 'Petition for improved facilities and services of villages in Greater Shepparton' in accordance with Governance Rule 81.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 9 Community Directorate

### 9.1 Community Asset Committee Annual Report 2022/23

Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Adem

That Council note the financial and performance statements of Council's 17 Community Asset Committees for the 2022/23 financial year, as attached.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 9.2 Avenue of Flags Consultation and Engagement

Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Adem

That, in relation to the potential Avenue of Flags project, Council:

- note the outcome of embassy engagement, community consultation, and consideration of alternative options for the public recognition of Greater Shepparton's diverse First Nations, migrant and refugee communities.
- not proceed with the proposed Avenue of Flags project or alternative options
- continue to promote the use of the existing community flagpole in Queen's Gardens by our diverse communities.

**CARRIED**

## 10 Corporate Services Directorate

### 10.1 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - June 2024

Moved by Cr Ladson  
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council:

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

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 10.2 Governance Rules and Election Period Policy

Chief Executive Officer, Fiona Le Gassick advised the attachment to the Governance Rules report contained errors resulting from broken links. A corrected version of the Governance Rules attachment was tabled and provided to all Councillors.

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. Having noted that no submissions were received during the community engagement process for its draft Governance Rules and Election Period Policy:
  - a. Adopt the Governance Rules, as attached; and
  - b. Adopt the Election Period Policy and Guidelines for the Placement of Signs – Electoral, as attached.
2. Note that the Governance Rules and Election Period Policy will commence operation upon the signing of the documents by the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **10.3 Councillor Resources and Facilities Policy**

**Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

**That the Council adopt the Councillor Resources and Facilities Policy, as attached with another dot point, the Councillors reserve the right to purchase devices provided by Council at the end of their Council term per peppercorn rate.**

**Cr Brophy gave a notice of a foreshadowed motion.**

**Cr Adem gave a notice of a foreshadowed motion.**

**The motion was put and lost.**

**Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

**That the Council adopt the Councillor Resources and Facilities Policy, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **10.4 Councillor Expenses Policy**

**Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

**That the Council adopt the Councillor Expenses Policy, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**



## 11 Sustainable Development Directorate

### 11.1 Tallygaroopna Flood Scoping Study

Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council;

1. Note the conclusion of the community engagement process for the Tallygaroopna Flood Scoping Study (Final Report, February 2024)
2. Adopt the Tallygaroopna Flood Scoping Study (Final Report, February 2024)
3. Begin the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the report by including a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme
4. Update the Greater Shepparton City Council Municipal Flood Management Plan to reflect the findings of the study
5. Update the Greater Shepparton City Council Emergency Plan to reflect the findings of the study
6. Include in future budgets the installation and upgrade of drainage infrastructure as set out in the actions of the study.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 11.2 Katandra West Flood Scoping Study

Moved by Cr Ladson  
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council;

1. Note the conclusion of the community engagement process for the Katandra West Flood Scoping Study Final Report (Final report, May 2023).
2. Adopt the Katandra West Flood Scoping Study (Final Report, May 2023).
3. Begin the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the report by including a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) for Katandra West in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.
4. Update the Greater Shepparton City Council Municipal Flood Management Plan to reflect the findings of the study.
5. Update the Greater Shepparton City Council Emergency Plan to reflect the findings of the study.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 12 Confidential Reports

### 12.1 Designation of Confidentiality of Information - Reports

The following report and the associated attachments have been designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer under Governance Rule 107 and in accordance with the definition of *Confidential Information* in the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

- Item 12.4 Shepparton Regional Saleyards - Commercial Lease

This document contains information which is consistent with the definition of 'private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking disadvantage.'

### 12.2 Close Meeting to Members of the Public

**Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

**That pursuant to section 66(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, resolve that the Council Meeting be closed to members of the public for consideration of the following confidential item:**

- Shepparton Regional Saleyards - Commercial Lease

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

**The meeting was closed to members of the public at 4:01pm.**

**The meeting was reopened to members of the public at 4:11pm.**

## 13 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

## 14 Councillor Reports

### 14.1.1 Councillor Activities - June 2024

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Brophy

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

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

**15 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission**

Nil Received.

## 16 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

### 16.1 Shepparton North Activity Centre Structure Plan

Cr Adem tabled a report titled Shepparton North Activity Centre Structure Plan and associated attachments to be admitted as Urgent Business.

Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Dobson

That the Council admit the report and attachments titled 'Shepparton North Activity Centre Structure Plan' as an item of urgent business.

CARRIED

The report and attachments were tabled.

Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Dobson

That the Council:

1. Notes that the Amendment C245gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme received 17 submissions, that these submissions and Amendment C245gshe were referred to an independent Planning Panel, and that the independent Planning Panel has now prepared a Panel Report which is dated 22 March 2024, as attached;
2. notes that because the resolution of 23 April 2024 was invalid and was of no force and effect, Council is able to exercise the power to adopt Amendment C245gshe now;
3. that the Council adopt the Planning Panel's recommendations as outlined in the Panel Report;
4. adopts, in accordance with Section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Amendment C245gshe with changes (as attached); and
5. submits to the Minister for Planning, in accordance with section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the adopted Amendment for approval.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED



## 17 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 4:22pm.