

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

2:00PM, Tuesday 10 September 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.

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FOR THE
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HELD ON
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 2:00PM**

**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**

Officers:	Fiona Le Gassick	Chief Executive Officer
	Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
	Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
	Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
	Rebecca Good	Manager Corporate Governance
	Molly Willmott	Official 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.

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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 Ladson
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

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.

6 Corporate Services Directorate

6.1 Conflict in Gaza

Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Adem

The Council to resolve to:

1. **Acknowledge that sections of the Greater Shepparton community are deeply impacted and grieving due to the human rights abuse of Palestinians.**
2. **Write a letter to the Federal Government to take the following actions:**
 - a. **Condemn the indiscriminate bombing and attacks on hospitals, schools and refugee shelters that have resulted in the killing of thousands of civilians, including women and children, in Gaza.**
 - b. **Advocate for all Palestinian and Israeli hostages to be released.**
 - c. **Call for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire and an end to incursions onto Palestinian land.**
 - d. **Recognise the State of Palestine.**
 - e. **Call for Israel to comply with its obligations under international law.**
 - f. **Call for the immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza to allow Palestinians in Gaza to have unlimited access to food, water, fuel, electricity, medical supplies and construction materials to repair damaged homes and civilian infrastructure.**
 - g. **Increase funding to UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and contribute generously to UNRWA's calls for emergency funding.**

Cr Brophy gave notice of a foreshadowed motion.

The motion was put and lost.

Cr Spinks called for a Division.

Those voting in favour of the motion: Cr Abdullah, Cr Spinks, Cr Adem.

Those abstained from voting: Cr Sali, Cr Brophy, Cr Ladson, Cr Dobson,
Cr Summer.

The motion was lost.

**Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Summer**

That the Greater Shepparton City Council:

- 1. Acknowledge that sections of the Greater Shepparton community are deeply impacted due to events taking place in Gaza and Israel.**
- 2. Note the Prime Minister of Australia's joint statement issued on 26th July 2024 that calls for an immediate ceasefire.**

The motion was put and carried.

Cr Ladson called for a Division.

**Those voting in favour of the motion: Cr Sali, Cr Brophy, Cr Ladson, Cr Dobson,
Cr Summer, Cr Spinks, Cr Adem.**

Those voting against the motion: Cr Abdullah.

The motion was carried.

7 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 3:00pm.