



GREATER  
SHEPPARTON

# AGENDA

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*



**A G E N D A  
FOR THE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE 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)
<b>Almost Certain (5)</b> Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>EXTREME</b>
<b>Likely (4)</b> Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>EXTREME</b>
<b>Possible (3)</b> Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Unlikely (2)</b> It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Rare (1)</b> May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>

- 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. 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 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.

**3. APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**4. DECLARATIONS 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.**

## 5. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 5.1 Draft Budget 2020/2021 - Hearing of Section 223 Submissions

#### **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**

**Author: Manager Finance and Rates**

**Proof reader(s): Director Corporate Services**

**Approved by: Director Corporate Services**

#### **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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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 2020/2021;
2. hear those who wish to be heard in support of their written submission;
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.

## 5. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 5.1 Draft Budget 2020/2021 - Hearing of Section 223 Submissions (continued)

#### **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 Local Government Act 1989	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

#### **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.

## **5. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

### **5.1 Draft Budget 2020/2021 - Hearing of Section 223 Submissions (continued)**

#### **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.

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.



## 5. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 5.1 Draft Budget 2020/2021 - Hearing of Section 223 Submissions (continued)

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