

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00pm, Monday 23 November 2020

In The Function Room, Riverlinks Eastbank

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.

**M I N U T E S
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CR KIM O'KEEFFE**

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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:

- 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**

Officers:	Peter Harriott	Chief Executive Officer
	Phil Hoare	Director Infrastructure
	Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
	Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
	Kaye Thomson	Director Community
	Boboleia Kom	Official Minute Taker
	Rebecca Good	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 streamed live via our Facebook page and recordings are made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

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

Nil Received.

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 Councillors Statement of Expectations for the Role of Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council

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

That the Council adopt the Councillors Statement of Expectations for the role of Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council, with an option for review, prior to 30 June 2021.

CARRIED 8/1

6.2 Election of Mayor

Moved by Cr Sali
Seconded by Cr O'Keeffe

That the Mayoral term be set for a period of one year.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Cr Dobson nominated Cr Abdullah

Cr Sali nominated Cr Priestly

Cr James nominated Cr Summer

Cr Brophy nominated Cr O'Keeffe

Nominated Councillors were allowed to address the Council meeting for five minutes on their candidacy in the order of their nomination.

The first vote was taken.

Cr Priestly was determined eliminated by lot.

A second vote was taken.

Cr Summer was eliminated due to having the fewest votes.

A third vote was taken.

An absolute majority of votes was achieved, and the Chair declared Cr O'Keeffe duly elected as the Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council.

Mayor O'Keeffe provided a formal acknowledgement and addresses Council.

6.3 Election of Deputy Mayor

**Moved by Cr Priestly
Seconder Cr Brophy**

That the Council:

- 1. elect a Deputy Mayor for the Mayoral Term; and**
- 2. if during the Mayoral Term, there is a vacancy in the office of the Mayor or the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act, then provided the Deputy Mayor is available, the Council hereby appoints the Deputy Mayor to be the Acting Mayor in accordance with Sections 20B(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Cr Priestly nominated Cr Priestly

Cr Summer nominated Cr Brophy.

Cr Brophy decline to accept the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Cr Priestly duly elected as the Deputy Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council.



7 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 3.41pm