

AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

2:00PM, Tuesday 19 December 2023

In the Council Boardroom, Welsford Street

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

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.

**A G E N D A
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023 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.

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

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.

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4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda 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.

7 Corporate Services Directorate

7.1 Election of Deputy Mayor

Author	Team Leader Governance
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. **elect a Deputy Mayor commencing effective immediately and concluding at the time of the next Local Government Election scheduled for 26 October 2024.**
2. **if at any time 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*.**

NOMINATION

In accordance with Section 20A of the Local Government Act 2020, the Mayor will call for nominations for a Councillor to fill the position of Deputy Mayor.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to elect a Deputy Mayor to serve during the remaining Mayoral term of office.

Report Detail

Pursuant to Section 20A of the Local Government Act, a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. This position serves to act as the Chair in the absence of the Mayor at Council meetings or when the Mayor is required to vacate the chair. It also allows the Deputy Mayor to receive the pledge of commitment at citizenship ceremonies and to act as spokesperson in the Mayor's absence. An additional allowance is payable for recognition of the requirements of the role of Deputy Mayor. There is no position description for the role of Deputy Mayor, as the Mayoral position description applies on all occasions that the Deputy Mayor acts in that role and there are no separate and distinct duties or responsibilities assigned to the position of Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with Council's *Governance Rules* the election of a Deputy Mayor will follow the same procedure as that used for the election of Mayor.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Councillor appointed to the role of Deputy Mayor not understanding their responsibilities when deputising for the Mayor.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	A Mayoral Statement of Expectations was adopted on 27 October 2022. Advice and support will also be available from the Mayor and Council officers.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal. Provision has been provided for the payment of a Deputy Mayoral Allowance in the 2023/2024 Budget.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 20A of the Local Government Act provided for a Council to elect a Deputy Mayor. The process for electing a Deputy Mayor is provided for in Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising from this proposal.

Social Implications

There are no social implications arising from this proposal.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic implications arising from this proposal.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

There are no direct links to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy*.

Conclusion

In accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Councillors may appoint one of their members to serve as Deputy Mayor of the Greater Shepparton City Council.

Attachments

Nil



8 Close of Meeting