



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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**October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025**

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### **WELCOME TO YOUR COMMISSION MEETING**

We welcome your interest and involvement in the legislative process of Escondido. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Commission.

#### **CHAIR**

Rick Paul

#### **VICE CHAIR**

Katharine Barba

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

David Barber  
Judy Fitzgerald  
Carrie Mecaro  
Barry Speer  
Stan Weiler

#### **MINUTES CLERK**

Alex Rangel

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### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Rick Paul

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Paul, Chair; Katharine Barba, Vice-Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

**Commissioner Absent:** Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner

**City Staff Present:** Veronica Morones, City Planner; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; LaVona Koretke, Deputy Fire Marshal; Ivan Flores, Senior Planner; Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 26, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections: Commissioner Barba; Second: Commissioner Barber

Motion carried (6-0) to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Paul, Barba, Barber, Fitzgerald, Speer, and Weiler.

Absent: Mecaro.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. PL22-0604/PL22-0604/PL23-0239 – 555 N. Tulip Street / Goal Line Battery Storage

**REQUEST:** A request for a Zone Map Amendment to re-zone the subject property from Planned Development – Industrial (PD-I) to General Industrial (M-2). A request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow for an increase in fence height on a case-by-case basis for industrial and commercial zoned properties subject to an administrative adjustment application, unless associated with a discretionary action that requires a public hearing. A Major Plot Plan to facilitate the construction of a lithium-ion battery energy storage utility capable of delivering up to 50 megawatts (“MW”) of energy storage. The Project includes associated on-site and off-site improvements including but not limited to: demolition of a portion of the existing building, construction of screening walls, and landscaping. The proposal also includes the adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project.



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**PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION:** The approximately 6.32-acre site is located on the south side of Tulip Street, between Hale Avenue and West Valley Parkway, and is addressed at 555 N. Tulip St. (Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 232-131-25-00).

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** A Draft IS/MND was released for a 30-day public review period from July 13, 2023 to August 14, 2023. No comment letters were received during the public review period. The Final IS/MND identifies no new environmental impacts which have not been addressed through the aforementioned mitigation measures. The Final IS/MND is included as Exhibit "H" to Planning Commission Resolution No. 2023-19.

**APPLICANT:** Goal Line BESS 1 LLC and Goal Line LP

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project, including the proposed use of the facility, environmental issues, and fire safety.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Motion to approve Planning Commission Resolution 2023-19, recommending approval of the project.

Motion: Commissioner Speer; Second: Commissioner Weiler.

Motion carried (5-1) to approve.

Ayes: Barba, Barber, Fitzgerald, Speer, and Weiler. Nays: Paul.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**



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None.

### CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:

City Planner Morones provided information related to the upcoming projects, and the upcoming November 14, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Veronica Morones, Secretary to the Escondido  
Planning Commission

Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk