AGENDA
PLANNING COMMISSION

201 North Broadway
City Hall Council Chambers
VIDEO CONFERENCE
7 p.m.

CONFIRMED
December 8, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.
B. FLAG SALUTE
C. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Barba, Doan, Garcia, Paul, Rainey, Serrato and Weiler
D. MINUTES: 11/10/2020 APPROVED 7-0

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E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. Future Neighborhood Meetings

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to 3 minutes.

1. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – PHG 19-0049 AND ENV 19-0006:

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) for the development of a proposed gasoline station/convenience store with concurrent sale of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine). The project consists of a 4,088 square foot convenience store with a 4,284 square foot gas station canopy with eight (8) fuel dispenser pumps that can accommodate up to sixteen (16) fueling stations/vehicles. A General Plan Amendment from Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC) along with a Zone Change from Light Industrial (M-1) zoning to General Commercial (CG) zoning is required to process the land use development application and allow the consideration of the CUP. The project also includes a request to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Approximately 1.14-acres generally located at the northwestern corner of W. Mission Avenue and Rock Springs Road, addressed as 900 W. Mission Avenue (APNs 228-220-13-00 and 228-220-43-00).

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: A Draft Initial Study/Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration “IS/MND” (Case No. ENV 19-006) was issued for the project in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The IS/MND incorporates mitigation measures that will avoid or mitigate impacts related to cultural/tribal resources, geology, noise and traffic to a less than significant level.

APPLICANT: Golcheh Group, LLC (representing 7-Eleven)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to City Council

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend approval to City Council 6-1-0 (Barba voted No)

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 13, 2021

Reso. No. 2020-19
H. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2020:

1. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – PHG 18-0009:

REQUEST: The Climate Action Plan Update ("CAP Update") consists of a comprehensive update to the 2013 CAP. The CAP update serves as a roadmap for the City to reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG emissions") and builds on the 2013 CAP by updating the GHG emissions inventory with a new baseline year and forecasting emissions, consistent with state legislation and executive orders that are aimed at reducing Statewide GHG emissions. This includes AB 32, which established a target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 1990 levels by 2020; SB 32, which established a mid-term target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; and Executive Order S-3-05, which recommends a longer-term statewide GHG reduction goal of reducing emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. By establishing consistency with state legislation, the CAP Update seeks to streamline future development approvals within the City. The City has also developed a Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist, in conjunction with the CAP Update, to provide a streamlined review process for proposed new development projects that are subject to discretionary review and trigger environmental review pursuant to CEQA. The CAP Update also provides a range of adaptation strategies and measures as an additional component to climate action planning. The City recognizes the importance of building resilience in the community to future climate change—related impacts through climate adaptation. Through “adaptation planning” the City is undertaking a process of identifying climate risks and opportunities, assessing the options to manage these risks and opportunities, and implementing actions to sustain and even improve the community’s quality of life. The Planning Commission will be asked to review and consider the project and provide a recommendation to the City Council. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: CityWide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS/MND") was issued for a 30-day public review, beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2020, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The IS/MND incorporates mitigation measures that will avoid or mitigate impacts related to cultural/tribal cultural resources to a less than significant level.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to City Council

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion to postpone the agenda item was brought and approved 7-0. Pursuant to the approved motion, the discussion of this matter will continue at the next Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2021.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: To be determined.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS:

Note: Current Business items are those that under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.
1. **PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS**

   Review of existing Planning Commission Bylaws and discussion of possible revisions.

   Information regarding the makeup of the Commission, adding student “Commissioner” with a non-binding vote, changing the meeting start time, processes for email communications with the Commissioners, and adding further detail to the PC Minutes were discussed.

   A vote was taken to recommend to the City Council that the makeup of the Planning Commission be amended to include an additional member consisting of a student/youth member having a non-binding vote. Vote 4-3-0 (Doan, Rainey and Chair Weiler voted No due to logistical issues.)

   The Commission provided direction to City staff to explore whether it was viable and advisable for Commissioners to have a City of Escondido email address and for City staff to report back on the same.

J. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

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K. **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**

   This is Vice-Chair Joe Garcia's last Planning Commission meeting. He will be sworn-in as a new Escondido City Council Member on December 9, 2020.

L. **ADJOURNMENT** at 10:27 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, via video conference, in the City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway Escondido, CA 92025.