

# CITY OF BUELLTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246  
Buellton, California

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hammel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hammel led the Pledge of Allegiance

### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bob Blokdyk (via Zoom), Aaron Liggett (via Zoom), Marcilo Sarquilla, Vice Chair Art Mercado and Chair Patty Hammel

Staff: Planning Director Andrea Keefer, Assistant Planner Cara Miralles  
Public Works Director Rose Hess and Staff Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

### REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

### PRESENTATIONS

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of January 6, 2022

##### MOTION:

Vice Chair Mercado moved and Commissioner Sarquilla seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2022.

##### VOTE:

Motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2. **Resolution No. 22-01 – “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Conditional Use Permit (20-CUP-01) for the AT&T Wireless Communications Facility Project, Located at 723 Jonata Park Road, Assessor Parcel Number 099-300-004, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”**

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Assistant Planner Cara Miralles presented the staff report.

The Commission requested clarification on the proposed noise mitigation measures.

Dino Romero, Smartlink Agent, introduces his team of Tyler Kent and Associates. Tyler Kent stated that a 5G network is not proposed at this time and asked for clarification on the permitting process for routine maintenance.

Chair Hammel asked about the construction timeline. Tyler Kent replied that it could be 9-12 months before the project is operational.

Chair Hammel opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

There being no public comment, Chair Hammel closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chair Mercado moved and Commissioner Sarquilla seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-01 – “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Conditional Use Permit (20-CUP-01) for the AT&T Wireless Communications Facility Project, Located at 723 Jonata Park Road, Assessor Parcel Number 099-300-004, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”

**VOTE:**

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Hammel announced that Santa Ynez Valley Restaurant Week has started with special menus at many local restaurants and tasting rooms.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Planning Director Keefer updated the Commission on the upcoming Housing Element Update and clarified that the story poles currently on the Avenue of Flags are for a proposed mixed use project with the Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for March.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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Chair Patty Hammel

ATTEST:

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Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

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