RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL, ZONE CHANGE ZC-2020-001 TO ESTABLISH A SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ZONE OVERLAY AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZCA-2020-002 TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.

(Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002)

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, Murphy’s Bowl, LLC (Project Sponsor) seeks the development of the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC) that includes an arena calculated to promote the enjoyment and recreation of the public by providing access to the City’s residents in the form of spectator sports, specifically basketball, with up to 18,000 fixed seats to host National Basketball Association (NBA) games, and with up to 500 additional temporary seats for other events such as family shows, concerts, corporate and community events, and other sporting events; an up to 85,000-square foot team practice and athletic training facility; up to 71,000 square feet of LA Clippers office space; an up to 25,000-square foot sports medicine clinic; up to 63,000 square feet of ancillary and related arena uses including retain and dining; an outdoor plaza adjacent to the arena; parking facilities; relocation of a City of Inglewood groundwater well; a limited-service hotel; and various circulation, infrastructure, and other ancillary uses (the Project). The area of the IBEC Project is shown in Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, the California Government Code section 65860 requires that the City’s zoning ordinances shall be consistent with the General Plan.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that implementation of the Project necessitates text amendments to Chapter 12 (Planning and Zoning) of the Inglewood Municipal Code (IMC) and adjustments to and waivers to limited
provisions under IMC Chapter 12, and zone changes, as fully set forth in Sections __ through ___ below (collectively, the “Zone Change ZC-2020-01” and the “Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002”) 

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Planning and Building Department Director of the City of Inglewood directed Planning and Building Department staff to prepare various Project approval materials, including the Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 and scheduled a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, the proposal was set for a duly-noticed public hearing before the Planning Commission in the City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, of the Inglewood City Hall, on the 17th day of June 2020, beginning at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted the hearing at the time and place stated in the notice and afforded all persons interested in the matter of the Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Amendment ZCA-202-002 to the IMC, or in any matter or subject related thereto, an opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission and to submit any testimony or evidence in favor or against the proposed Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Amendment ZCA-202-002; and

WHEREAS, after taking public testimony and fully considering all the issues, the Planning Commission determined that Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 should be recommended for approval to the City Council as set forth herein.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq. (CEQA), the City prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EA-EIR-2020-45) for the Project (EIR), which analyzes potential environmental impacts of the Project, including Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002. Prior to making a
recommendation on the Zone Change and Zoning Code Amendment, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the EIR and recommended that the City Council certify the EIR, make certain environmental Findings, adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations (together, the CEQA Findings), and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Project.

SECTION 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Inglewood Planning Commission, based on the entirety of the materials before the Planning Commission, including without limitation, agenda reports to the Planning Commission, the EIR and all appendices thereto; Resolution No. ___ including the CEQA Findings and MMRP attached as Exhibit A thereto, all plans, drawings, and other materials submitted by the Project Sponsor; minutes, reports, and public testimony and evidence submitted as part of the City Council’s duly-noticed meetings regarding the IBEC Project; the record of proceedings prepared in connection with AB 987 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21168.8; and all other information contained in the City’s administrative record concerning the Project (collectively, the Record), which it has carefully reviewed and considered, the Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution

2. That all procedural requirements for the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council approval of the Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 have been followed:

3. That the proposed Zone Change and Zoning Code Amendment will be consistent with the Industrial land use designation in that they support the following policies:

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a. Facilitate the allocation of land in the City to satisfy the multiple needs of residents but recognize that land is a scarce resource to be conserved rather than wasted.

b. Help promote sound economic development and increase employment opportunities for the City’s residents by responding to changing economic conditions.

c. Help promote Inglewood’s image and identity as an independent community within the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

4. That the changes to the text of Chapter 12 and establishment of the SE Overlay Zone will not constitute the granting of a special privilege to a property owner inconsistent with the current or designated uses or limitations of other properties in the vicinity.

5. That a change of zone classification to establish the SE Overlay will be appropriate for the subject property in terms of the adequacy of the site to accommodate land uses permitted by the proposed zone.

6. That a change to the text of this Chapter will not constitute the establishment of unique standards, offering special privilege to a particular individual or group of individuals, that is inconsistent with the general intent of the provisions of this Chapter or that may be detrimental to the general welfare of the community.

7. That an EIR has been prepared for the IBEC Project, including the proposed Zone Change and Zoning Code Amendment, and must be certified by the City Council prior to approval of Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-202-002. The Planning Commission has recommended that the City Council certify the EIR and adopt CEQA Findings including a Statement of Overriding Considerations for significant and unavoidable impacts of the Project that would remain significant even with the implementation of all feasible mitigation measures specified in the
EIR, and adopt an MMRP for the Project in accordance with CEQA as provided in Planning Commission Resolution No. ____.

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings, the Planning Commission of the City of Inglewood, California, hereby recommends that the City Council approve and adopt Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Planning Commission is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Project Sponsor and to the City Council as a report, with the findings, and recommendations of the Planning Commission pertaining to the Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B and to forward a certified copy of all related files, data and instruments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution, a recommendation to City Council to approve Zone Change ZC-2020-001 and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-2020-002 to the Inglewood Municipal Code attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B is passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of June 2020.

Larry Springs, Chairperson
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California

ATTEST:

Evangeline Lane, Acting Secretary
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California

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