RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2020-001 (SPA 2020-001) TO AMEND THE INGLEWOOD INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK SPECIFIC PLAN (ADOPTED DECEMBER 21, 1993).

(SPA 2020-001)

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 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 retail 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; and

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WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65455 prohibits adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance within an area covered by a specific plan unless it is consistent with the adopted specific plan.

WHEREAS, implementation of the Project necessitates an amendment to the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan (Specific Plan Amendment) attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B, which is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Economic and Community Development Director directed Planning Division staff to prepare various Project approval materials, including the Specific Plan Amendment, and scheduled a public hearing before the Planning Commission; and

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.; and

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 proposed amendment to the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan SPA-2020-001, 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 Specific Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, after taking public testimony and fully considering all the issues, the Planning Commission determined that Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 should be recommended for approval to the City Council as set forth herein; and

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 the Specific Plan Amendment. Prior to making a recommendation on the Specific Plan 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 -, 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 21168.6.8: 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 part of this Resolution.

2. That the Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 is consistent with the intent of the Inglewood General Plan in that it will allocate 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 and will support the following policies: [PAGE ]
a. Develop a land use element that facilitates the efficient use of land for conservation, development and redevelopment.

b. Promote Inglewood’s image and identity as an independent community within the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

c. Help promote sound economic development and increase employment opportunities for the City’s residents.

3. That the proposed Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 is appropriate for the subject site in terms of the adequacy of the site to accommodate the land uses within the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan.

4. That the Specific Plan Amendment is consistent with the general intent of the provisions of Chapter 12 to promote the public health, safety, comfort, and convenience of the City of Inglewood and therefore will not be detrimental to its general welfare.

5. That an EIR has been prepared for the IBEC Project, including the proposed Specific Plan Amendment, and must be certified by the City Council prior to approval of the Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001. 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 Specific Plan Amendment SPA 2020-01 to the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit --.
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 findings, and recommendations of the Planning Commission pertaining to Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 attached hereto as Exhibit – and to forward a certified copy of all related files, data, and instruments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution, a recommendation to the City Council to approve Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 as Exhibit -- is passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

Larry Springs, Chairperson
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California

Evangeline Lane, Secretary
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California