RESOLUTION NO. ___

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
APPROVAL AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE,
CIRCULATION, AND SAFETY ELEMENTS OF THE
INGLEWOOD GENERAL PLAN FOR THE INGLEWOOD
BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
PROJECT.

(Case No. GPA-2020-003)

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, Section 65302, subdivision (a) of the California Government Code requires certain elements to be included in the City of Inglewood General Plan (General Plan);

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 Project will also include a limited-service hotel. The area of the IBEC Project is shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Project Site is designated as Industrial in the General Plan Land Use Element; a small approximately 2.7-acre area of the Project Site
is designated as Commercial that is adjacent to S. Prairie Avenue, just south of W. Century Boulevard, comprised of Parcels with Assessor Identification Numbers:

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WHEREAS, implementation of the Project necessitates text and map amendments to the General Plan, including certain text and map amendments to the General Plan Land Use, Circulation, and Safety Elements attached to this Resolution as Exhibits B, C-1, C-2, and C-3 which are incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the General Plan Amendments);

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Economic and Community Development Department Director of the City of Inglewood directed Planning Division staff to prepare various Project approval materials, including the General Plan Amendments, 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.; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted the hearing at the time and place stated above and afforded all persons interested in the matter of the General Plan Amendments, GPA-2020-003, 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 of or against the proposed General Plan Amendments;

WHEREAS, after taking public testimony and fully considering all the issues, the Planning Commission determined that the proposed General Plan Amendments 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 General Plan Amendments. Prior to making a recommendation on the General Plan Amendments, 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 and supporting information; Resolution No. __ (EIR Certification Resolution) including the CEQA Findings and MMRP attached as Exhibits B and C and D 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 a part of this Resolution.

2. That all procedural requirements for the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council approval of the General Plan Amendments have been followed.

3. The General Plan Amendments substantially comply with applicable requirements of state law and will ensure internal consistency of the General Plan as required by California Government Code Section 65300.5.
4. As described in Exhibit D (General Plan Consistency Findings), which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, the General Plan Amendments are in general conformity with the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended, and the Project and the approvals required for implementation of the Project, are, on balance, consistent with the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended.

5. The General Plan Amendments establish appropriate land uses and development standards for the efficient and orderly development of the Project and the adoption of the Amendments is reasonably related to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, as further described in the Planning Commission Agenda Report and Planning Commission Resolution No. ___ (EIR Certification Resolution), which includes a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

6. An EIR has been prepared for the IBEC Project, including the proposed General Plan Amendments, and must be certified by the City Council prior to final approval of these General Plan Amendments, GPA 2020—003. 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. ___ (EIR Certification Resolution).

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 the General Plan Amendments in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibits B, C-1, C-2, and C-3.

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 General Plan Amendments attached hereto as Exhibits B, C-1, C-2, and C-3 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 General Plan Amendment No. 2020-003 (GPA-2020-003) attached hereto as Exhibits B, C-1, C-2, and C-3, is passed, approved and adopted, this 17th day of June 2020.

Larry Springs, Chairman
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California

Attest:

Evangeline Lane, Secretary
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California