DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Economic and Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing - General Plan Amendment 2022-002 (GPA 2022-002) for Adoption of the Safety Element

RECOMMENDATION:
It is requested that the Mayor and Council Members set a public hearing for June 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to consider General Plan Amendment 2022-002 (GPA-2022-002) for the adoption of the Safety Element.

BACKGROUND:
The Inglewood General Plan consists of eight elements: Land Use, Housing, Noise, Circulation, Conservation, Open Space, Environmental Justice, and Safety. The Safety Element was originally adopted in 1974 and was last comprehensively updated in 1995. The intent of the Safety Element is to discuss specific hazards with a high likelihood of occurrence or high impact of severity that could potentially affect the City of Inglewood. The Safety Element integrates Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions related to safety throughout the community.

The Safety Element of the General Plan is closely tied to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The LHMP is incorporated by reference into the Safety Element. The State mandates that when updating the Federally required Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City must also update the Safety Element. The City of Inglewood Office of Emergency Services (OES) received grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2021 and retained Dynamic Planning and Science (Consultant) to update the City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and Safety Element.

In April 2021, the City commenced preparation of the Safety Element and Hazard Mitigation Plan, including community outreach. Community outreach was conducted in conjunction with the Hazard Mitigation Plan and included community events and stakeholder outreach.

On December 2, 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Safety Element and adopted Resolution No. 1943, recommending approval to the City Council. At the time, the City Council had not yet adopted the LHMP.

On April 18, 2023, the City Council adopted the LHMP in order to be eligible for federal funding/grants. Under State law, the City may incorporate the LHMP into the General Plan Safety Element by reference. Accordingly, staff is asking that the City Council adopt an amendment to the Safety Element to incorporate the previously adopted LHMP.
On May 3, 2023, the Planning Commission reconsidered the Draft Safety Element, which included the recently adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 1960 recommending approval to the City Council.

DISCUSSION:
The Safety Element addresses specific hazards with a high likelihood of occurrence or high impact severity that could potentially affect the City of Inglewood. The Element provides a plan to mitigate and protect the community from any unreasonable risks associated with the effects of potential hazards.

In updating the Safety Element, the City is ensuring that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Safety Element are working in concert to meet State-mandated requirements, as well as ensuring the City of Inglewood residents are adequately protected.

The key Safety Element topic areas analyzed are the following:

1. Public Safety and Emergency Response
   - Emergency Services
   - Community Awareness and Engagement
   - Military Installations
2. Natural Hazards
   - Earthquake and Geologic Hazards
   - Drought Hazard
   - Climate Change
3. Providing a Safe Environment
   - Urban Fire Risk
   - Air Traffic Hazards
   - Hazardous Materials and Waste Management
   - Safety through Design
4. Goals, Policy and Actions

A more detailed staff report will be provided for the public hearing.

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
There is no fiscal impact.
DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
None.

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