RESOLUTION NO. 1870

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) FOR THE INGLEWOOD BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

(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; 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, a portion of the Project site shown in Exhibit A is located within the area subject to the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan; and

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 Department Director directed Planning Division staff to prepare various Project approval materials, including the Specific Plan Amendment, and schedule 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 duly noticed hearing at the time and place stated in the notice and afforded all persons interested in the matter of the proposed Specific Plan 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 and supporting information; Resolution No. 1868 (EIR Certification Resolution) including the CEQA Findings and MMRP attached as Exhibit B and C, respectively, 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 all procedural requirements for the Planning Commission to recommend approval of Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 have been followed.

3. That the Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 substantially complies with applicable requirements of state law, including requirements under Government Code Section 65450 et seq.

4. That as described in Exhibit D (General Plan Consistency Analysis) to Planning Commission Resolution 1869 (General Plan Amendment Resolution), which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, the Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 is consistent with the Inglewood General Plan as it is proposed to be amended.

5. That the Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 establishes appropriate land uses and development standards for the efficient and orderly development of the Project and the adoption of the Specific Plan Amendment is reasonably related to protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, as further described in the Planning Commission Agenda Report and Planning Commission Resolution No. 1868 (EIR Certification Resolution), which includes a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

6. 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. 1868 (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 Specific Plan Amendment SPA 2020-001 to the Inglewood International Business Park Specific Plan in the form attached to this Resolution as 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 findings, and recommendations of the Planning Commission pertaining to Specific Plan Amendment SPA-2020-001 attached hereto as Exhibit B 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 B is passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of June 2020.

Larry Springs, Chairperson
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California

ATTEST:

Evangeline Lane, Secretary
City Planning Commission
Inglewood, California