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AGENDA  
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street  
November 24, 2020  
**Regular Meeting - 2:00 to 3:15 PM**

This meeting is held pursuant to the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration, and Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 to allow members of the City Council or staff to participate via teleconference.

Pursuant to the Ventura County Public Health Official's order and Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, all city buildings are temporarily closed to the public. The public is encouraged to view the meeting from home on the City's website at [Oxnard.org/city-meetings](http://Oxnard.org/city-meetings), Spectrum channel 10, Frontier channel 35, or YouTube at [Youtube.com/oxnardnews](http://Youtube.com/oxnardnews). Video recordings are typically available online immediately following the meeting.

The public may provide comments to the City Council via email at [cityclerk@oxnard.org](mailto:cityclerk@oxnard.org) no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the committee name, meeting date, and agenda item in the email Subject line.

A telephone option for public comments is also available at this time due to the State of California "Stay At Home" order. Requests to speak must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Use the form on the city's website to submit your request: [Oxnard.org/city-meetings](http://Oxnard.org/city-meetings), or call the City Clerk's Office at (805) 385-7803, or email your request to [cityclerk@oxnard.org](mailto:cityclerk@oxnard.org).

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, the legislative body will consider public comments for a maximum of fifteen minutes. A person may address the legislative body only on matters not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. Speaker requests shall be submitted as set forth on the first page of this agenda. Based on the number of speaker requests submitted, the presiding officer may impose time limits per speaker. Typically, speakers are limited to two minutes, but shorter time may be established as deemed necessary. The legislative body cannot enter into a detailed discussion or take action on any items presented during public comments at this time. Such items may only be referred to the City Manager for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Contact: Michelle Ascencion, (805) 385-7805

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**Agenda Item time estimates: (Staff Presentation / Committee Discussion / Public Comment)**

D. REPORTS

1. Police Department

SUBJECT: Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). (5/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Recognize \$313,465 in grant revenue from the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program;
2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$313,465 to support the Police Department's body worn camera deployment; and
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer or designee to approve additional budget appropriations if awarded.

Contact: Scott Whitney, (805) 385-7624

2. Police Department

SUBJECT: Federal and State Asset Forfeiture Funds. (5/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee recommend that City Council approve a special budget appropriation in the amount of \$115,000 for the use of Federal (\$91,000) and State (\$24,000) asset forfeiture funds allocated to the City of Oxnard's Police Department.

Contact: Scott Whitney, (805) 385-7624

3. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Prohibiting Bridge Jumping. (5/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council introduce and adopt an ordinance adding Article XXIII to Chapter 7 of the Oxnard City Code prohibiting bridge jumping.

Contact: Stephen Fischer, (805) 385-7483

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

F. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES  
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
November 10, 2020

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 2:01 p.m., Chair MacDonald called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Public Safety Committee in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Members Vianey Lopez, Carmen Ramirez, and Chair Bryan A. MacDonald were present via videoconference.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Jason Zaragoza, Deputy City Attorney; Alexander Hamilton, Interim Fire Chief; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (None received.)

C. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.  
RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

*It was moved by Member Lopez, seconded by Member Ramirez, to approve the minutes as presented. VOTE: Lopez, MacDonald, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.*

D. REPORTS

Fire Department

1. SUBJECT: Ambulance Services Feasibility Study.  
RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee receive a report on the findings of the Draft Ambulance Valuation and Feasibility study conducted by AP Triton, LLC; and recommend that City Council adopt a resolution directing the City Manager to:
  1. Assert the City's statutory right to provide emergency ambulance and medical services pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.201, and
  2. Provide the City's notice of intention to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement regarding countywide ambulance services to all pertinent parties.

The Interim Fire Chief gave a report. Public comments were received from Ray Blattel. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

*It was moved by Member Lopez, seconded by Member Ramirez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, MacDonald, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.*

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (No requests were made.)

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC  
City Clerk

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BRYAN A. MACDONALD  
Chair

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT**  
**REPORTS**  
**AGENDA ITEM NO. D.1**

**DATE:** November 24, 2020  
**TO:** Public Safety Committee  
**FROM:** Scott Whitney, Police Chief, (805) 385-7624, scott.whitney@oxnardpd.org  
**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). (5/5/5)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Recognize \$313,465 in grant revenue from the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program;
2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$313,465 to support the Police Department's body worn camera deployment; and
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer or designee to approve additional budget appropriations if awarded.

**BACKGROUND**

The County of Ventura will receive an estimated allocation of \$1,608,151 from the State Department of Finance for front line law enforcement funds as part of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF). The State of California allocates funds to cities and counties based on population. The City of Oxnard's estimated portion is \$313,465. The SLESF funds result from a 0.15% Vehicle License Fee (VLF) and are meant to supplement existing services, and may not be used to supplant any existing funding for law enforcement services.

These funds will be used for the annual subscription costs related to the Department's body-worn camera (BWC) program.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This agenda item supports the Quality of Life strategy. The purpose of the Quality of Life strategy is to build relationships and create opportunities within the community for safe and vibrant neighborhoods, which will showcase the promising future of Oxnard. This item supports the following goals and objectives:

Goal 1. Improve community safety and quality of life through a combination of prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts that address crime and underlying issues.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The attached budget appropriation reflects the allocation of the \$313,465 FY20-21 SLESF COPS Program

(Project 662169). No matching funds are required.

*Prepared by: Delia Campbell, Police Finance Manager*

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. BA \$ 313,465 FY20-21 COPS SLESF
2. SLESF PRESENTATION

# REQUEST FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

**Department:** Police Department  
**Project/Program**  
**Manager:** Delia Campbell

**Date:** November 4, 2020

**Phone:** 805-385-7612

**Reason for Appropriation:**

To recognize State grant revenue and appropriate funds from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund FY20-21, which is subgranted through the County of Ventura.

**Accounts and Descriptions**

**AMOUNT**

**Fund: 195 - STATE COPS GRANT**

**Revenues/Transfers In**

**COPS Prog (SLESF FY20-21) (Project #662169)**

195-2030-532-7231 STATE GRANT REVENUES 313,465

Sub-total Revenues 313,465

**Expenditures/Transfers Out**

**COPS Prog (SLESF FY20-21) (Project #662169)**

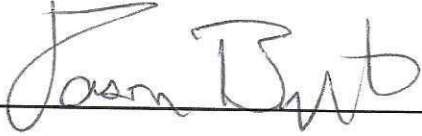
195-2030-802-8209 SRVCS-OTHER PROF/CONTRACT 313,465

Sub-total Expenditures 313,465

**Net Change to Fund Balance** **0**

**Net Appropriation Change** **313,465**

**Approvals**

Department Director 

Chief Financial Officer

City Manager

# SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF)

Jason Benites, Assistant Police Chief  
Delia Campbell, Police Finance Manager



## RECOMMENDATION

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That Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Recognize \$313,465 in grant revenue from the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program;
2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$313,465 to support the Police Department's body worn camera deployment; and
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer or designee to approve additional budget appropriations if awarded.

- The SLESF grant funds originate with the State of California collecting a .15% vehicle license fee (VLF).
- The State allocates \$1.6 million to the County of Ventura with Oxnard receiving the largest amount of \$313,465. The allocation is based on population.
- The grant funds will be used for the annual costs for the Police Department's body-worn camera (BWC) program.



QUESTIONS



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

### REPORTS AGENDA ITEM NO. D.2

**DATE:** November 24, 2020  
**TO:** Public Safety Committee  
**FROM:** Scott Whitney, Police Chief, (805) 385-7624, scott.whitney@oxnardpd.org  
**SUBJECT:** Federal and State Asset Forfeiture Funds. (5/5/5)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Safety Committee recommend that City Council approve a special budget appropriation in the amount of \$115,000 for the use of Federal (\$91,000) and State (\$24,000) asset forfeiture funds allocated to the City of Oxnard's Police Department.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Asset forfeiture is a tool used by law enforcement agencies against criminals and criminal organizations to deprive them of ill-gotten gains through the seizure of related assets. Asset forfeiture is used to disrupt, dismantle, and deter those who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain, including criminal organizations, drug dealers, and white-collar criminals. Forfeited funds are then used to help protect and serve our communities and support law enforcement.

The Oxnard Police Department participated in the Ventura County Combined Agency Team ("VCCAT") during FY 19-20. VCCAT is a multi-agency task narcotics investigations task force that focuses on higher-level narcotics traffickers. Asset forfeiture fund ("AFF") allotments for Oxnard were primarily generated through this partnership and seizures of cash that was involved in illicit narcotics activity.

The AFF appropriation will be used for training opportunities that are not reimbursed by California P.O.S.T. (Peace Officers Standards & Training), and various equipment purchases not covered via General Fund expenditures. With this special budget appropriation, the Police Department intends to fund the following training and equipment:

- Safety equipment
- Tactical equipment and training
- Security cameras
- Computer hardware and software
- Chromebooks
- Ipads
- Word processing

Peer support training  
Arrest and control instructor training  
Unmanned Aerial System equipment and training  
Tyler Technologies 2021 Conference

These funds must be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only and cannot replace or supplant existing resources.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

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Goal 1. Improve community safety and quality of life through a combination of prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts that address crime and underlying issues.

Objective 1d. Examine options for long term sustainability of public safety services to ensure an efficient and effective public safety service delivery model.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Of the \$115,000 appropriation requested, \$91,000 will be appropriated to Asset Seizure-Vxnet Fed Fund 230 (Project #662158) for equipment and training, and \$24,000 will be appropriated to Asset Seizure-State Fund 191 (Project #662158) for equipment and training. The undesignated, unreserved fund balance for Fund 230 is approximately \$92,637. The undesignated, unreserved fund balance for Fund 191 is approximately \$47,588. Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on the General Fund.

*Prepared by: Delia Campbell, Police Finance Manager*

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. BA - FY20-21 Federal & State AFF
2. 2020 AFF Presentation

## REQUEST FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

**Department:** Police Department  
**Project/Program**  
**Manager:** Delia Campbell

**Date:** November 4, 2020  
**Phone:** 805-385-7612

**Reason for Appropriation:**

To recognize Federal and State Asset Seizure revenues and appropriate the funds for the FY20-21 operations. ↘

**Accounts and Descriptions**

**AMOUNT**

**Fund: 191 - ASSET SEIZURE - STATE**

**Expenditures/Transfers Out**

ASSET SEIZURE - STATE (#662158)

191-2103-802-8343 ↘ TRAINING 24,000 ↘

Sub-total Expenditures 24,000

**Net Change to Fund Balance (24,000)**

**Net Appropriation Change 24,000**

**Fund: 230 - ASSET SEIZURE - FEDERAL**

**Expenditures/Transfers Out**

ASSET SEIZURE - FEDERAL (#662158)

230-2103-802-8134 ↘ MINOR EQUIPMENT 91,000 ↘

Sub-total Expenditures 91,000

**Net Change to Fund Balance (91,000)**

**Net Appropriation Change 91,000**

**Approvals**

Department Director Jason T. Benf

Chief Financial Officer \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager \_\_\_\_\_

# FEDERAL and STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS (AFF)

Jason Benites, Assistant Police Chief  
Delia Campbell, Police Finance Manager



## RECOMMENDATION

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*That Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council approve a special budget appropriation in the amount of \$115,000 for the use of the Federal (\$91,000) and State (\$24,000) asset forfeiture funds allocated to Police department.*

- Training opportunities, not reimbursable by California P.O.S.T. (Peace Officers Standards & Training) include:
  - Peer support training
  - Arrest and control instructor training
  - Unmanned Aerial System equipment and training
  - Tyler Technologies 2021 Conference
  
- Equipment purchases not covered by General Fund include:
  - Safety equipment
  - Tactical equipment and training
  - Security cameras
  - Computer hardware & software



# QUESTIONS



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

### REPORTS AGENDA ITEM NO. D.3

**DATE:** November 24, 2020  
**TO:** Public Safety Committee  
**FROM:** Stephen Fischer, City Attorney, (805) 385-7483, stephen.fischer@oxnard.org  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Prohibiting Bridge Jumping. (5/5/5)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council introduce and adopt an ordinance adding Article XXIII to Chapter 7 of the Oxnard City Code prohibiting bridge jumping.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In recent months, City staff and elected officials have received several complaints of persons jumping from bridges in the harbor. Diving, jumping, falling or in any manner propelling oneself from a bridge creates serious risks to the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors.

The ordinance presented prohibits dangerous activities occurring on and around bridges within City limits to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors.

A violation of the ordinance may be enforced according to the provisions of section 1-10 of the Oxnard City Code.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

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Goal 1. Improve community safety and quality of life through a combination of prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts that address crime and underlying issues.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

*Prepared by: Andrew Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney*

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. BRIDGE JUMPING ORDINANCE

## 2. Bridge Jumping Ordinance Presentation

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
AMENDING THE OXNARD CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE XXIII TO  
CHAPTER 7 PROHIBITING BRIDGE JUMPING

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 831.7(b)(2) defines any form of diving into water from any structure where diving is prohibited as a “hazardous recreational activity;” and

WHEREAS, diving, jumping, falling or in any manner propelling oneself from a bridge creates serious risks to the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, City staff and elected officials have received numerous complaints of persons jumping from bridges in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary to prohibit dangerous activities occurring on and around bridges within City limits to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD DOES  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1. Article XXIII is hereby added to Chapter 7 of the Oxnard City Code to read as follows:

**“ARTICLE XXIII BRIDGE JUMPING PROHIBITED**

**SEC. 7-340. DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

(A) BRIDGE - A structure that is built over a railroad, road, river, or other body of water so that people or vehicles can cross from one side to the other.

(B) JUMP - To dive, jump, fall, or in any manner propel oneself from a Bridge or similar type of structure.

**SEC. 7-341. BRIDGE JUMPING; VIOLATION**

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a city officer, employee or agent acting in the course of official duties, to do any of the following:

(A) To jump from any portion of a Bridge.

(B) To climb on or over any portion of the railing of a Bridge.”

PART 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1), the City Attorney was designated to prepare, and the City Clerk published, a summary of this ordinance, and a certified copy of the ordinance was posted in the Office of the City Clerk a minimum of five days before the City Council's adoption of the ordinance.

PART 4. The City Council determines and finds that this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under section 15061(b)(3) because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

PART 5. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City. Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ was first read on \_\_\_\_\_, and finally adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, to become effective on \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting  
November 24, 2020**

**Ordinance prohibiting bridge jumping**

**Andrew Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney**



**Recommendation**

That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council introduce and adopt an ordinance adding Article XXIII to Chapter 7 of the Oxnard City Code prohibiting bridge jumping.



## Background

California Government Code Section 831.7(2) defines any form of diving into water from any structure where diving is prohibited as a “hazardous recreational activity;”



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## Background

In recent months, City staff and elected officials have received numerous complaints of persons jumping from bridges in the City.



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## Bridge Jumping



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## Bridge Jumping



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## Definitions

*The proposed ordinance makes it unlawful to:*

- 1. Jump from any portion of a Bridge;*
- 2. Climb on or over any portion of the railing of a Bridge.*



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## Questions?



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