

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
November 24, 2020

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 2:05 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; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Jason Zaragoza, Deputy City Attorney; Jason Benites, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Jabbar Wofford (recent street paving projects and bicycle safety).

C. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

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

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

D. REPORTS

Police Department

1. SUBJECT: Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF).

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.

The Assistant Police Chief gave a report. 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.

2. SUBJECT: Federal and State Asset Forfeiture Funds.
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.

The Assistant Police Chief gave a report. 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.

City Attorney Department

3. SUBJECT: Ordinance Prohibiting Bridge Jumping.
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.

Deputy City Attorney Gonzalez gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

It was moved by Member Lopez, seconded by Chair MacDonald, 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

Member Ramirez requested that the Police Department give a report on its enforcement of COVID curfews and mask requirements, which the City Manager announced will happen at the next City Council meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.



MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk



BRYAN A. MACDONALD
Chair