

Meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee of the City of LaSalle

May 28, 2024

Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Bacidore called the Meeting to order at 6:13pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: NONE

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, City Attorney James McPhedran, Alderman Bob Thompson, City Engineer Brian Brown, City Building Inspector Andy Bacidore, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski (arrived at 6:25pm)

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve and place on file the minutes of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for April 1, 2024.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Reynolds mentioned that there has been some issues with parking on Crosat Street. There is currently no parking from 1st to 3rd Street. Reynolds stated that there has been some controversy with parking from 3rd to 5th Street with too many parking on the road or other's parking in front of other's houses. Alderman Reynolds recommendation would be to add "No Parking" from 3rd to 4th Street on Crosat Street and see if these alleviates any problems.

Alderman Lavieri's concern is that is they do add more "No Parking" where are those cars going to park.

Donna Lauck, 336 Crosat St., spoke first in regard to her concern if this change were to happen. She said that she does currently park in front of her own. She does not have many at her house anymore that take up too much parking. She does not understand Alderman Reynolds concern. Alderman Reynolds believes that the parking extends from the alley to the corner. She stated that her neighbor currently has a sign "No Parking from Here to Driveway". She is still unsure as to what the problem is because their road is so wide.

Alderman Reynolds asked if Loucke parks in the alley. She says that she does not but her kids have parked there before. Reynolds mentioned that this parking is not allowed in the alley. Reynolds asked if she had room behind her house and if she could park

there. Loucke said that she could, but it is not as close as for her to park in the front. Reynolds stated that he doesn't personally have any trouble with this parking. He stated that he has just received complaints about traffic and cars turning around there.

Alderman Reynolds stated that this was the purpose of this meeting. He has had too many complaints and he wanted to address his issue.

Alderman Crane wanted to clarify that Donna Loucke is against adding "No Parking" signs. She agreed that she was against adding any "No Parking Signs".

Sandra Seabeck stated that her concern is for the emergency vehicles. She is unsure if they are able to make it down those couple blocks if there is the parking on both sides. Alderman Crane asked if she had noticed any emergency vehicle that had to stop and reverse to come back around. She said that she has noticed them to come the opposite way to get where they need to go.

Nick Anderson, 321 Crosat St., does not agree with adding any "No Parking" signs. He said that this will directly affect him. He currently has zero off street parking and has three vehicles. He did not agree that the emergency vehicle concern was not an accurate concern, because the road was widened specifically for both parking on the east and west side. He said for how often the emergency vehicles do come down Crosat, he has not seen any of them stop with any concern. Anderson stated that he is on the south side of the alleys. He does believe that anyone that pays for their property should be entitled to park in front of their home.

Alderman Herndon does believe that if the city does add more "No Parking" signs, the city would be creating more of a parking problem.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Crane to deny the recommendation regarding adding "No Parking" signs on the 300 block of Crosat Street to the east side of Crosat Street, north of the alley.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAYS: Alderman Reynolds **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1

Deputy Clerk Bader mentioned that notices did go out to the community.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation regarding removing a "Handicapped Parking" sign from 1140 7th Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Crane believes that the following agenda item should say "No Parking Here to Corner". Bader mentioned that he did inform Chairman of this prior to meeting. Crane

stated that this would be located on the North side of O'Connor, west of St. Vincent's. Alderman Crane asked Deputy Clerk Bader to share a picture with the council and public. Crane said that the issue comes when someone is stopped at the white line and if someone turns off St. Vincent's and onto O'Connor. There is sometimes a car parked on the northside and it creates a jam off of a State Highway. Alderman Lavieri asked for location of sign. There was a stake that was visible in the picture and Crane thought the sign should go somewhere in the area of the stake, west of where the car was parked in the picture. Alderman Lavieri thought the wording for the sign should state "No Parking Back to Corner".

Resident Breane Hicks, 1513 Zinc, does take her niece to school at Northwest and she said that she would be in favor of such a sign because this is a constant issue.

Alderman Jeppson agreed with Ms. Hicks and stated that there is a lot of school traffic at this corner daily.

Alderman Lavieri mentioned that they did do this at the corner of Lindberg by Lincoln school for the same reason.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the recommendation regarding adding a "No Parking Back to Corner" sign at the northwest corner of Oconor and St. Vincent avenues (about 20 ft. From the corner).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAYS: Alderman Reynolds **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-1

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the recommendation regarding adding "Slow Children Playing" signs at both entrances of the alley between 9th Street, Wright Street, 9th Place and Bucklin Street. These signs are already inside the alley and are looking to get them moved to the entrances of the alley.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Lavieri mentioned that there was an email regarding three issues. One issue was in regard to a sign at LaHarpe and 11th St. There is currently already a sign there, but it needs to read "No Parking back to corner". Lavieri stated that the sign currently reads "No Parking to Corner". He reads that sign as you can't park anywhere the rest of the block expect that one space. He said the intention was to have "No Parking" in that one spot. This item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The email from the same resident also asked about the oversize wheelbase on the truck there. Chief Smudzinski does not know exactly what the width is, but the truck was ticketed last week. Chief Smudzinski said that this issue is being monitored and being ticketed. He assumes this resident will get the hint soon.

There was also another resident concern that Alderman Lavieri mentioned. It was in regard to parking on the west side of Mathessian Park. Lavieri believes it to be street parking. Mayor Grove mentioned that this vehicle can not just continue to allow it to just sit there however. It does need to move. Chief said that this vehicle has also been tagged and stickered.

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk