

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

Monday, March 31, 2025

Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Bacidore called the Meeting to order at 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL

Present – Chairman Bacidore, Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Excused Absence – Alderman Crane

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Herndon to allow Alderman Crane to attend the meeting remotely.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Present – Chairman Bacidore, Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Alderman Crane (remotely via phone call)

Absent - NONE

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Attorney Patrick Hermann, City Engineer Brian Brown

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve and place on file the minutes of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for March 17, 2025.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore begins discussion in regard to the topic of accessible pedestrian signals for visually impaired individuals in La Salle.

City Engineer Brian Brown explained the request for countdown clocks and audible countdowns at two locations: O'Connor and 351 for Lincoln School and Lindberg and 351 for Northwest School. Brown also mentioned the cost of approximately \$15,000 per location for the equipment, with the city responsible for installation and maintenance. It was also discussed the possibility of using solar-powered equipment to reduce costs and the need for a different type of foundation for installation. There has been official approval from IDOT but the city hasn't worked out the exact locations yet.

Alderman Ptak clarified that the requester's mother is blind and requester a different type of signal at Roosevelt Street.

City Engineer Brian Brown confirmed a similar idea to this request has been in the works for three or four months. Brown mentioned that he would speak with his beacon supplier to get more literature and additional costs.

Deputy Clerk Bader noted that the requester is not present.

Alderman Reynolds questioned why IDOT does not have to take responsibility for this. Brown mentioned that the City is responsible for signage. IDOT would only be responsible for improvements, if it was something that was already there. IDOT will permit it, but it is not something that they will pay for.

Chairman Bacidore suggests tabling the discussion for two weeks to gather more information. Deputy Clerk Bader mentioning networking with the requester and stick with Brian's proposal. Brown can bring back the cost amount of equipment to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to table the recommendation regarding a request from John Eliuk for Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) throughout the City of La Salle including the crosswalk of St. Vincent Avenue and Roosevelt Street. They will come back in two weeks to discuss again.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore began the discussion item from Johannes Bus Service regarding a request for a four-way stop at the intersection of Sixth and Crosat Streets.

Christina Croissant, with Johannes Bus Service, explained the need for a stop sign due to the high volume of traffic and the risk of students crossing the street at the META school. She also mentioned a recent incident where a student ran out in front of a car, highlighting the urgency of the request.

City Engineer Brian Brown explained the difficulty of installing a stop sign on a federal aide route and suggests other measures to address the congestion. Brown stated that Crosat is a thoroughfare and without a warrant analysis, he doesn't believe it possible to put up a stop sign, especially since the congestion is only for some time two times a day.

It was discussed by the committee the challenges of managing traffic with only one bus loading and unloading at a time and the need for better signage and parking restrictions.

Chairman Bacidore proposed installing "School Zone" signage as a temporary measure to see if it helps alleviate the traffic issues.

Mrs. Croissant agreed to try the signage and will monitor the situation to determine if further action is needed.

Chairman Bacidore brought up the issue of a streetlight on Crosat at that was supposed to be replaced by IDOT from the last meeting's discussion. Bacidore did confirm that the light is now back up, but the pole is still in poor condition.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Amy" on the left and "Quinn" on the right, connected by a flourish.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk