

Minutes of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Commission

of the City of La Salle

Monday, August 18, 2025

Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Demes called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, and Crane

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, and Attorney James McPhedran (arrived 6:16 p.m.)

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept and place on file minutes of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Commission meeting held August 4, 2025. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION

Deputy City Clerk Bader advised the committee that Mr. Joseph Thompson was present and available to answer questions regarding the traffic issue in the 400 block of Fifth Street. Mr. Thompson made a request at the August 4, 2025, City Council meeting for a sign in his yard to slow traffic. In response, Alderman Crane made a motion to consider restricting parking in that block to one side of the street. That motion sent the issue to Streets, Traffic, and Alleys for review at tonight's meeting. Bader clarified that placement of a sign in Mr. Thompson's yard would not require action by Streets, Alley, and Traffic; however, restricting parking to one side of the street would.

Mr. Thompson addressed the committee explaining that speed and parking were both issues on his block. Thompson expressed appreciation for the increased police presence on the block after the last Council meeting; he thought it made a positive difference. The width of the street was discussed. Chairman Demes suggested the placing a double-sided sign on one post in Mr. Thompson's yard to slow traffic from either direction.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to recommend to the City Council that a double-sided sign indicating the presence of an autistic child be placed in front of 427 Fifth Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Lavieri asked for an update on the traffic issue on Hennepin Street. With the pool closing for the season, traffic has diminished. Chief Smudzinski indicated there has been an increased police presence at Hennepin, Fifth and Bucklin streets with approximately 20 stops near Fifth and Bucklin streets for stop sign violations.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Chairman Demes adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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

Liz Bishop
City Clerk