

Minutes of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Commission

of the City of La Salle

Monday, June 8, 2026

Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Demes called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Aldermen Ptak and Lavieri

Moved by Chairman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to allow Alderman Lavieri to attend the meeting remotely due to personal illness or disability.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Aldermen Ptak

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Engineer Brian Brown, Police Chief Jason Stubler, and Attorney James McPhedran

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept and place on file minutes of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Commission meeting held May 11, 2026. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

Alderman Jeppson reported he had been contacted by a concerned resident regarding habitual speeding on 24th Street. The resident suggested stop signs to deter speeding. Alderman Jeppson consulted with Police Chief Jason Stubler regarding a potential solution.

Chief Stubler explained that 24th Street is a collector road between St. Vincent's Avenue and Chartres Street. In the past four years there have been approximately 16 accidents on it, none of them being speed related and most occurring at the intersection of St. Vincent's and 24th. Chief Stubler and City Engineer Brian Brown studied the intersection for potential solutions.

The Police Department operates a speed trailer that was acquired in the late 1990s and acts as a speed display; no data is collected from it. It must be recharged at the end of each shift.

The Oglesby Police Department recently acquired a Stalker Speed Display Message Board which Chief Stubler was able to borrow. It collects speed and volume data; no photos of license plates or drivers are taken by it. It also acts as a message board.

Data collected by the Stalker while on 24th Street showed 1.2% of vehicles on 24th were excessively speeding (more than 20 m.p.h. over the posted limit). The data also indicated which times of day speeding was most likely to occur so that officers could be assigned at times most likely for speeders to be present, resulting in more efficient allocation of departmental resources.

The presence of the sign is proven to reduce speeding by three to nine m.p.h.; however, over a six-month-period, when permanently in place, the sign loses its effectiveness as drivers become acclimated to its presence.

The Stalker can be trailered anywhere in the City and would be useful in identifying locations and times best suited for deploying officers.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to recommend to the City Council to deny the request to add a permanent, solar electronic speed sign to be placed on 24th Street and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Alderman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

There was additional discussion regarding the possible purchase of a Stalker including the price (estimated at \$23,617), process for approving the purchase, funding sources

(including grant opportunities), power source (solar with electric recharge every 90-120 days), delivery time, and message opportunities for City events.

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 6:27 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