

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 31, 2026

6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Lavieri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Chairman Ptak

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, 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.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to appoint Alderman Lavieri Chairman Pro Tem of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Chairman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from the August 17, 2026, meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Police Chief Jason Stubler explained that the proposed new vehicle would replace the department's oldest patrol vehicle – a 2021 Dodge 1500 which is a retail vehicle, not a police vehicle. The Dodge will be retained for use in the investigations unit where it's more practical. The proposed Ford F150 is a pursuit-rated police vehicle with heavy duty brakes, cooling systems, and tires and is intended for use as a front-line patrol vehicle. Three bids

were obtained. Chief Stubler recommended accepting the bid from Schimmer Ford. Alderman Lavieri asked about the service arrangements with Schimmer and was told the police department receives a 10% discount off parts and labor. Alderman Lavieri pointed out that those savings make the purchase from Schimmer more attractive.

Alderman Thompson indicated he agrees with the recommendation since Schimmer Ford is local, past experience has been favorable, and the discount on parts and labor is attractive.

Chief Stubler pointed out that \$65,000 is appropriated for a new vehicle this year. The quoted price of \$49,813.33 does not include equipment or graphics. The chief's intention is to use appropriated funds for the basic vehicle purchase and use drug funds to pay for the equipment, graphics, set-up costs, and any other miscellaneous costs.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to recommend to the Council to approve the purchase of a 2027 Ford F150 Responder for the La Salle Police Department at a cost of \$49,813.33 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Chairman Ptak **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:07 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