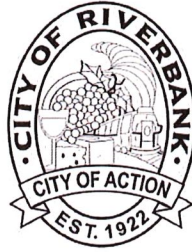


CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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Rachel Hernandez
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District 4-Stacy Call



CITY OF RIVERBANK

**Regular City Council and
Local Redevelopment Authority
Board Meetings**
Council Chambers
6707 Third Street, Suite B
Riverbank, CA 95367



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.RIVERBANK.ORG/AGENDACENTER](http://www.riverbank.org/agendacenter))

1. **CALL TO ORDER** -Mayor / Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **FLAG SALUTE** –Vice Mayor Pimentel led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Reverend Randy Richardson provided the Invocation.
4. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk Hernandez conducted Roll Call.

Members of the City Council / Local Redevelopment Authority Board present:

Council Member / Authority Member District 1 Luis Uribe
Council Member/ Authority Member District 2 Cindy Fosi
Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Stacy Call
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair District 3 John Pimentel
Mayor / Chair Rachel Hernandez

5. **AGENDA CHANGES**

No Agenda Changes.

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Any Council/Authority Member or Staff who has a direct Conflict of Interest on any scheduled agenda item to be considered is to declare their conflict at this time.

None Declared.

7. PRESENTATIONS (Informational only)

No Items Scheduled.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (No action can be taken)

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda, and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council/LRA Board. Individual comments will be limited to a **maximum of 3 minutes (or as stated by the presiding Officer)** and time cannot be yielded to another person. Under State Law, matters presented during the public comment period cannot be discussed or acted upon.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Comment Period at 6:03 P.M.

Julia Hernandez, Sierra House Facilitator to introduce herself and share her background. Also, provided info regarding services provided at Sierra House.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:06 P.M.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR (No Obligation to Read Aloud)

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted upon by a single action of the City Council/LRA Board unless requested by an individual Council/Authority Member or member of the public for special consideration. Otherwise, the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by motion of the City Council/LRA Board.

Item 9.1 **Waive Readings.** All Readings of ordinances and resolutions, except by title, are waived.

Item 9.2 **Approval** of the City Council and Local Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes for January 13, 2026.

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2026-004** to Approve the Award of the Pest Control Contract to Clark Pest Control

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2026-005** to Approve and Adopt 2026 City of Riverbank Measure L Expenditure Plan Project List

Item 9.5 **Second Reading by Title Only and Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance 2026-001** Amending Chapters 150 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) and 157 (WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION) of Title XV: LAND USAGE, by Amending and Adopting by Reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 & 12, Including Identified Appendices).

There being no public comments, Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Call 5/0) to approve Consent Calendar as presented.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

10. PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Notice for Item 11.1 was published on 01/14/2026 in the Riverbank Newspaper.

Item 10.1 **A Resolution to Adopt the New Fee Schedule of Park Amenities, Rentals, Recreation Programs, and Events for the City of Riverbank-** It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution to approve the fees for Park Amenities, Rentals, Recreation Programs, and Events for the City of Riverbank offered with associated fees that are highlighted in Exhibit A.

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed new fee schedule of parks amenities, rentals recreation programs, and events.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Mayor Hernandez opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez Closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There being no further public comment Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to city council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Fosi 5/0) approve **Resolution 2026-006** adopting the fee schedule for Park Amenities, Rentals, Recreation Programs, and events for the City of Riverbank.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Presentation by Chief Ridenour on Current Staffing Allocations and Five-Year Plan for Riverbank Police Services and to Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Reallocation of One Community Resource Deputy Position to a Patrol Deputy Position.-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Chief Ridenour on the current

staffing allocation for Riverbank Police Services and the proposed five-year staffing plan. The Council is asked to consider a Resolution reallocating the already approved Community Resource Deputy position to a Patrol Deputy. Alternatively, the Council may provide feedback and direction on reallocation and staffing requests, or request that staff research other options.

Chief Ridenour gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the current staffing allocations and five-year plan for Riverbank Police Services and the consideration of the reallocation of one community resource deputy position to a patrol deputy position.

City Council discussed item with staff.

There being no further public comment Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to city council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Uribe 5/0) approve **Resolution 2026-007** authorizing the reallocation of one Community Resource Deputy Position to a Patrol Deputy Position.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

Item 11.2 **Adoption of a Groundwater Use Management Program in the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin-** It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a resolution authorizing collaboration with the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), its member agencies, consultants, stakeholders and the County of Tuolumne GSA to take such actions as may be reasonably necessary to (1) approve and implement the Groundwater Use Management Program (GWUMP or Program) for the Modesto Subbasin to ensure long-term groundwater sustainability, and (2) develop action plans which ensure the demand management actions identified in the GWUMP are under implementation beginning January 31, 2027. Adoption of the GWUMP fulfills commitments made in prior Council actions and advances compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Director of Public Works Bridgewater gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on collaboration with Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency and implement the Groundwater Use Management Program and develop actions plant to ensure demand management actions.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Wrangler Wheeler, Modesto resident to express his support for Item 11.2.

Bill Lyons, Riverbank resident to express his support for Item 11.2, provided letter to council (Exhibit A Attached)

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to seek clarification of Item 11.2.

There being no further public comment Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to city council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Uribe 5/0) approve **Resolution 2026-008** adopting the Groundwater Use Management Program with the addition of Memo.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

Item 11.3 **Adoption of a Well Mitigation Plan in the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin-** It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a resolution authorizing collaboration with the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), its member agencies, stakeholders and the County of Tuolumne GSA to take such actions as may be necessary to approve and implement the Well Mitigation Plan developed for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin. Adoption of the Well Mitigation Plan by the STRGBA GSA fulfills commitments made in prior Council actions and advances compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Director of Public Works Bridgewater gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on collaboration with Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBBA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency and implement the Groundwater Use Management Program and develop actions plant to ensure demand management actions.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Garry Pearson, Riverbank resident to express his support for Item 11.3.

Bill Lyons, Riverbank resident to express his support for Item 11.3.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to seek Clarification on Item 11.3.

There being no further public comment Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to city council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Uribe 5/0) approve **Resolution 2026-009** approving the implementation of Well Mitigation Plan developed for the Modesto Groundwater Subbasin with the addition of Memo.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

Item 11.4 **Resolution Approving a Consultant Services Agreement with JPW Communications, Inc. for the Preparation of a Community Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan.** - It is recommended that the City Council consider approving a Consultant Services Agreement with JPW Communications, Inc. for the preparation of a Community Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan for the City of Riverbank.

City Manager Garcia gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the consultant services agreement with JPW Communications, Inc for the preparation of a Community Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan.

Jenny Windle, President and CEO of JPW Communications gave an overview of the scope of services her firm will be providing the City on this project.

City Council discussed item with staff.

There being no further public comment Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to city council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Call 5/0) approve **Resolution 2026-010** approving the Consultant Services Agreement with JPW Communications, Inc.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Call, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

12. COMMENTS/REPORTS

A brief report on notable attendance of a meeting or conference or other notable topics of City business shall be made. The Brown Act does not allow for discussion or action of items by the City Council/LRA Board during this time.

Item 12.1 Staff

City Manager:

- *So, just a couple of comments from staff from our Planning department. After submitting the third round of updates to our Housing Element to HCD, we have received approval to move forward with consideration of adoption of the final document. So, we are tentatively scheduling that for approval at the Planning Commission at their March meeting and then at our first April meeting for City Council.*
- *From our Parks and Recreation department, the third annual My Little One and Me Dance, as Michael shared earlier, will take place on Saturday, February 7th from 5pm to 7pm at the Community Center. They will be offering a fun family focused evening for adults and their little ones to enjoy quality time together. The event will include dinner, dancing, games, and interactive activities that will create a memorable experience for all attendees. The tickets are \$45 for one adult and one child. And then additional tickets can be purchased for \$15 per person. They can be purchased online or here in person at our Parks and Recreation office*
- *From our Finance department, a reminder to our businesses that business license renewals are due and will be considered late as of January 31st, 2026. Late fees will be added and delinquent notices will be mailed out.*
- *Then a final comment from our Public Works department. Next week our street sweeper is going to be going in for some upgrades and so we will not be having street sweeping services for the entire week. So that would be from February 2nd through the 6th.*

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Vice Mayor Pimentel:

- *On the 13th I had a meeting with Mr. Steve Grand from Grand Asia for Sister City. We are planning the Chinese Lunar New Year event. So, stay tuned for that. It's in the beginning stages.*
- *On the 16th we had the Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner. I want to give a shout out to Olivia and Monica for all their hard work and to all those that took the time to make it a great night. Even though there was a movie being shot here in Riverbank, there was a great turnout.*
- *Also, seniors, if you need help with your utility bills, reach out to me. St. Francis of Rome has access and I can help you with that.*
- *Also, if you need help with groceries, there is a CVOC program that you can reach out to me about.*
- *I will be having a meet and greet in February. Stay tuned. I'll give you the time and date.*

Councilmember Uribe:

- *We have been discussing Strategic Plan ad hoc committees is something I should have probably mentioned at the last one when we were kind of assigning committees and subcommittees. I would love to get a just an update from staff on our Strategic Plan. We wanted to do an ad hoc committee for tourism kind of create that guided city tour where the benefits would go to Historical Society. So, if I can get an update on that.*
- *The chamber asked since I am an ambassador if I would mention some of the events for February. So, February 4th and it is open meetings they are open to the public so feel free to stop by. They meet on Claus at the RIC. February 4th their first ambassador meeting of the year. They are recruiting other ambassadors. So, feel free to stop by.*
- *February 5th there will be a Multi-Chamber held in Patterson.*
- *February 7th, they'll be doing a Food Truck Ribbon Cutting just down the street behind us here.*
- *February 13th, the Boot Barn Ribbon Cutting will be at 12:00pm that day.*
- *And then February 25th, a Lunch and Learn from 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Timeless Real Estate.*
- *Save the date for the Easter egg hunt for March 28th.*

Councilmember Fosi:

- *On February 6th, the Riverbank Historical Society will have their Annual Installation Dinner meeting. It will be at Perkos at 6:00pm. We would love to have anybody who would like to see what we are doing or become members attend as well as all the Council Members and the Mayor and Staff.*
- *On February 17th, the Women's group will be meeting at 6:00pm at the Morris Nursery. So, if you have gardening questions and you want to come and see who's at the Women's group, please show up at 6:00pm.*

Councilmember Call:

- *On the 17th of January, our Riverbank Branch for the Stanislaus County Library reopened. I was able to be at the ribbon cutting and if you haven't been by, I highly encourage you to go. It is absolutely beautiful in there and all of the books look absolutely perfect. I couldn't stop taking pictures of them because none of them have tears or dents or anything. I loved it. They also are bringing back their book clubs and they are doing story time and there is a bilingual story time.*
- *And then last week the mayor and I were at Cal Cities. The one session that really resonated with me was Land Use Planning and Smart Land Use Planning. And that kind of leads me into the next thing that I've been doing. I'm knee deep into meetings with constituents and other elected officials regarding the Riverwalk project. So, if I have not met with you about it or if you would like to have a refresher or just more conversation, I encourage you to email me so that we can set up a time to meet.*

- *And then lastly, there's a tremendous blood shortage in our nation and January is National Blood Drive Month. I'm personally donating tomorrow. So, I encourage everyone if you are able to donate blood to sign up to do so.*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- *There was and especially with Jenny here to give you a flavor of what happens in our City of Action. We had a film crew come out to film a romantic comedy I believe it was a holiday romantic comedy and it's been so sweet because the main actress or the yeah, the main actress has been just posting about Riverbank every single day and we actually had an interview with ABC or someone this week and that is now up on I have not seen it yet so have some grace with me. It's up on online right now.*
- *Councilmember Uribe and I had a meeting with staff about the Tiny Tots program with our partners over a SCOE and they have a lot of data that they are going to provide to us to be able to make some assessments moving forward on what the child care situation looks like in our City specifically. So, they have it broken down by zip code and would love to pass that along as soon as we get it.*
- *The session that stood out to me was of course Communications. So, there was a lot of conversations on the legality and the changing laws around communications for cities and so I am very excited to get moving on some of the strategies there.*
- *Stan Cog is taking up a lot of time per usual but there's a lot of positive progress in that. So, there's final interviews at the end of February for the Executive Director.*
- *Slowly the Policy Council, Policy board members are getting back into advocacy as a whole. And so, I sit on as a representative for the California Council of Governments and there is going to be some meetings happening around there.*
- *And as also chair of the VVS the Valley Vision Steering Committee which is going to have some more meetings and movement. So, there is a meeting coming up in March.*
- *Youth Council had their Applebee's fundraiser and they raised about \$1,300 which is exciting. So that is going to go towards their Social Night at the end of this year around early May.*
- *I do appreciate the Budget presentation from RPS to be able to start like planting some seeds and getting some data before we have the full budget considerations. So, it would be great if we could get some presentation similar from other staff member or departments to be able to process that as it leads up to the Budget discussions.*
- *I am headed off to DC. I have a flight at 5:00am tomorrow and so it is going to be for the US Conference of Mayors. I think all the snow has passed, the storm has passed, so it should be a smooth flight there. But I am looking forward to it to connect with Mayors from across the Country. I mentioned before I was able to*

get into some groups, group conversations, the group chats the last time I went and it served really well to be able to bring some ideas and some just best practices here to the City. They are made up of mostly East Coast Mayors and so I am looking forward to that and I will discuss it more is when I return.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The public will have a limit of **3 minutes** to comment on Closed Session item(s) as set forth on the agenda prior to the City Council/LRA Board recessing to Closed Session

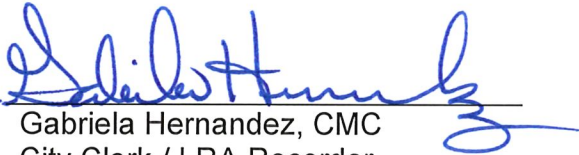
No Items Scheduled.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

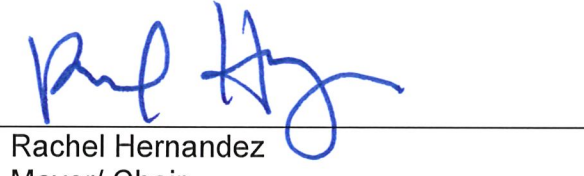
There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 8:23 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of February 10, 2026.

ATTEST: (Adopted 02/10/2026)

APPROVED:



Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder



Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair