

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

Mayor/Chair
Rachel Hernandez
Council/Authority Members:
Vice Mayor-District 1-Luis Uribe
District 2-Cindy Fosi
District 3-John Pimentel
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 14, 2025 – 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** – Councilmember Pimentel led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Reverend Charles Neal 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 2 Cindy Fosi
Council Member/ Authority Member District 3 John Pimentel
Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Stacy Call
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair District 1 Luis Uribe
Mayor / Chair Rachel Hernandez

5. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

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)

Item 7.1 **Presentation- Public Works Utilities-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Cody Bridgewater, Director of Public Works.

Director of Public Works Bridgewater, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Department.

Item 7.2 **Presentation to Review the Cheese and Wine Festival 2024-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Michael Patton, Parks and Recreation Director, regarding the Cheese and Wine Festival held in October 2024

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Cheese & Wine Festival held on October 2024.

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 Public Comment Period at 6:38 P.M.

Charles Neal, SCFPD Board Representative, provided an update on the business of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District. (see attached)

Cynthia Prieto-Diaz, resident of Stanislaus County, hosting a community clean up event on 1/20/25 from 9am-12-pm to help address toxic litter. Expressed a thank you to Public Works.

Darlene Barber-Martinez, Riverbank resident, to extend a thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Senior Christmas party brunch and at the Toys for Tots / breakfast for with Santa event.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:47 P.M.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 of December 10, 2024.

Item 9.3 **Authorization** for Out-of-State Travel Request for Mayor Hernandez to Attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. from January 17-19, 2025.

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2025- 001** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for On-Call GIS Services with The North State Planning and Development Collective (Chico State Enterprises) Related to Assisting the Community Development Department with On-going GIS Efforts and Activities.

Item 9.5 **Resolution 2025-002** Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Riverbank Compensation Plan to Reflect the New Salary Range for the City Clerk Position from Range 156 to Range 161

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

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

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

10. PUBLIC HEARING- No items Scheduled.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Nomination and Appointment of the Vice Mayor to Serve for the Year 2025-** It is recommended that Mayor Hernandez nominate a Councilmember to serve as Vice Mayor for the year 2025 and, by roll call vote, the City Council shall approve the Appointment for a one-year term.

Mayor Hernandez nominated councilmember Cindy Fosi to be the Appointed Vice Mayor the 2025 year.

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

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Call 5/0) to appoint Councilmember Cindy Fosi as the 2025 Vice Mayor.*

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

Item 11.2 **Adjustments to the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule-** It is recommended that the City Council by roll call vote: 1.) Cancel the meetings of July 8th, August 12th, November 11th and December 23rd, for a modified summer schedule and to minimize conflicts with Holiday Activities.

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive report on the recommended adjustment to the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule.

City Council discussed item with staff.

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

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Fosi 5/0) to approve the adjustments to City Council Meeting Schedule for the year 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:

AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Pimentel, Call, and Mayor Hernandez

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

Item 11.3 **Annual Consideration of City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Boards and Committees and Appointments to Internal City Committees for the Year 2025-** It is recommended that City Council: 1) Review the appointment lists; and 2) Volunteer or nominate a member of the Council to serve as the representative; and 3) By roll call vote, ratify the appointments for the year 2025.

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the Annual consideration to the appointments of Intergovernmental Boards and Committees and Internal City Committees for the year 2025.

City Council discussed item with staff.

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

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Uribe 5/0) to approve the List of City Council Appointments to the Intergovernmental Boards and Committees and Appointments to the Internal City Committees for the year 2025 as amended. **(See Attached List)**

Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:

AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Pimentel, Call, 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 Garcia:

- *All City offices will be closed on Monday January 20th for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.*
- *The Parks and Recreation department will be hosting the 2nd annual My little one and Me Valentine's dinner and dance on February 8th from 5pm-7pm at the Community Center will be having a wonderful Italian dinner, desert, photobooth, music and dancing. Tickets are online for \$45.00 for one adult and their child. Then \$15.00 for any additional tickets.*

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe

- *Chamber of Commerce is going to be holding their next small business Lunch and Learn they will be providing food as long as you pre-register so they know how much food to get in advance. It's on January 16th from 12pm-1pm. Hector from GNC has been gracious enough to host at his location at the Crossroads.*

Councilmember Pimentel

- *No comments.*

Councilmember Call

- *I wanted to talk about the Polar Plunge that Parks and Rec hosted. It was a great event at the pool way bigger turnout than I expected, and I had the opportunity to partner with Assemblyman Heath Flora, and a community member, Corinne, nurse of the year in 2023. We did a plunge pledge for the plunge, and we were able to raise over \$2,000 for Foster love 209, which is a local Advocacy group for foster children in our community.*
- *I was with Stanislaus Latino Chamber and Riverbank Chamber of Commerce for the ribbon cutting at Red Robin, great turnout for that as well. Representatives from McClintock's office and Buck Condit's office were there as well, so that was really cool to kick off the New year with a joint chamber ribbon cutting.*

Vice Mayor Fosi

- *The Riverbank Historical Society will be having their installment of officers on February 8th at 6:00pm at Perko's. In case you would like to attend the meetings which we would love to have they are the 1st Monday of every month 5:00pm outside of this date.*
- *January 21st is our first meeting for the Riverbank Federated Women's group we will be meeting at 6:30pm at Scout's hall.*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez

- *Thank you for allowing me to go to the us Mayors Conference. There's going to be mayors from across the nation attending in Washington, DC. this weekend. I am dressed for California winter right now, so wish me luck. It's going to be snowing out there, but I hope to represent Riverbank well, and plan to bring back, you know, any information or connections that are made out there.*

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

Item 13.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia

Employee Organizations: Riverbank Mid-Management Employee

Association and Riverbank Miscellaneous Employee

Mayor Hernandez moved to Closed Session at 7:20 P.M.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 7:36 P.M.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 14.1 Report from Closed Session **Item 13.1**

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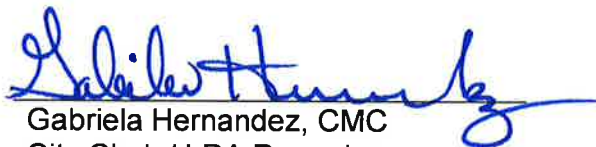
ACTION: *Direction was provided to Staff.*

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 7:36 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of January 28, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 01/28/2025)

APPROVED:


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder


Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair

2025 List of Appointments

(Ratified on January 14, 2025)

BOARD / COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (2025 - Appointments)
<u>LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES</u> <u>CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> <u>Meets:</u> Quarterly, TBD when scheduled <u>Location:</u> It rotates among the Northern and Southern central valley cities, TBD. (Annual breakfast meeting of the year takes place at the League's Annual Conference in September) The Central Valley Division (CVD) is led by an executive committee made up of local government officials who provide overall guidance and direction for CVD activities. These activities provide a variety of avenues for individuals to take the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy.	Councilmember Stacy Call (Primary) Councilmember Luis Uribe (Alternate)
<u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> <u>Special City Selection Committee</u> <u>Meets:</u> At least once annually and as needed <u>Location:</u> Northern Region Office, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto This Committee's purpose is to appoint (5) Council Members to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Governing Board.	Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary) Councilmember John Pimentel (Alternate)
<u>STANCOG – POLICY BOARD</u> <u>Meets:</u> The 3rd Wednesday of each month; 6:pm <u>Location:</u> 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto To work together with local cities to enhance communication, cooperation and comprehensive planning in dealing with regional transportation issues.	Mayor Rachel Hernandez (Primary) Councilmember Stacy Call (Alternate)
<u>STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE BOARD</u> <u>(RESOLUTION NO. 2019-032)</u> <u>Meets:</u> 1st Wednesday of Each Month at 5:30 pm <u>Location:</u> Tenth Street Place, Board Chambers, 1010 10th Street (Basement), Modesto The Alliance Is a Collaborative Board formed to align Homeless Service, Planning, & Funding among Stakeholders in Stanislaus County. The Board consists of several Community Leaders of Governmental and Nongovernmental Entities. A Primary Voting Member Is appointed by the City Council annually. An Alternate Member may be an elected official or an executive-level administrative official in each government entity.	Councilmember John Pimentel (Primary) City Manager (Alternate)

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BOARD / COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (2025 - Appointments)
<u>STANISLAUS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES</u> <u>DISASTER COUNCIL</u> <u>Meets:</u> Once a year or as necessary (Thursday, Jan 16th, 2025 scheduled meeting) <u>Location</u> 1010 10th Street Place, Modesto Board of Supervisors Basement To make recommendations to local governing agencies on matters pertinent to development of mitigation, disaster preparedness, response & recovery plans, and programs for any potential local emergency.	Vice Mayor Cindy Fosi (Primary) Councilmember Stacy Call (Alternate) (*Note: The appointed Councilmember serves a 2-year term; ending 12/2027)
<u>Project Resolve (PR)</u> <u>Meets:</u> Every other month starting at 8am. The first half hour is networking over breakfast with a 90-minute meeting starting at 8:30am. (1st Wednesday of the following months in 2025: February, April, June, August, October, December) <u>Location:</u> Residence Inn, 2902 Healthcare Way, Modesto A network resolved to build and sustain trust and strong relationships between law enforcement and community through our ongoing connection, learning, and testing of ideas.	Mayor Rachel Hernandez (Primary) Councilmember Stacy Call (Alternate)
<u>Oakdale Ad Hoc Animal Shelter Subcommittee</u> <u>Meets:</u> As Necessary <u>Location:</u> City of Oakdale The Oakdale Police Department oversees animal services, it's members help us improve services to our community and our four-legged friends.	Vice Mayor Cindy Fosi (Primary) Markie Wallace (Alternate- Riverbank Resident)

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CITY / LRA COMMITTEES	COUNCIL / LRA LIAISON (2025 – Appointments)
<u>BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)</u> <u>Meets:</u> As needed <u>Location:</u> City Hall Council Chambers or City Hall South Conference Room This (7) resident member advisory committee, including (1) non-voting Council representative and a Council alternate, reviews and discusses the City's operating budget and makes recommendations on projects, programs, and policies to the City Council.	Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary) Mayor Rachel Hernandez (Alternate) (Note: This committee has been inactive for the past six (6) years.)
<u>FRIENDS OF RIVERBANK CITY PARKS</u> <u>FORMERLY FRIENDS OF JACOB MYERS PARK (JMP)</u> (A non-profit organization) <u>Meets:</u> On a monthly basis at 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. <u>Location:</u> City Hall Council Chambers Works on projects, park planning, and fundraising events.	Vice Mayor Cindy Fosi (Primary) Councilmember Luis Uribe (Alternate)
<u>SISTER CITY</u> <u>Meets:</u> As needed <u>Location:</u> TBD based on availability Formed for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, coordinating, and managing international relationships in cultural, educational, and economic areas, and promoting international friendship and goodwill. Riverbank's two Sister Cities are Tamazula de Gordiano, Jalisco, Mexico and Fuyang, China.	Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary) Councilmember John Pimentel (Primary)



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Riverbank City Council
FROM: Charles Neal, Board of Director
SUBJECT: Update for Riverbank City Council
DATE: January 14, 2025

The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District was reviewed by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) for its fire protection rating. After the rating, the District was rated an ISO class 2; prior ratings were an ISO class 3. These ratings will go into effect in March 2025. The reason for the lowering of the rating is the partnerships with our surrounding agencies and contracts.

Congratulations to our most recent medics, Captain Austin Lunde, Captain Micheal Crabtree, Engineer Jordan Abru, and Engineer Cody Wessels, who have passed their tests and are beginning to work as medics. Currently, the District has 16 paramedics who provide Advanced Life Support at the District's five fire stations. The goal is to have 18 by the end of 2025.

Stations 26, 24, and 23 have passed inspections, and all SCFPD can provide ALS care when a paramedic is on duty.

Engine 26

A fire at Silgan Containers caused an estimated \$1 million in damage. The fire occurred in a machine used to burn off by-products of the coating process applied to cans produced at the facility. Engine 26 was the first unit to arrive on the scene. Firefighters found that a machine, located 250 feet inside the building, had caught fire. An emergency exit was created about 50 feet from the fire to facilitate personnel movement and ensure safety during operations. Crews worked for about three hours to cool the fire and make the area safe for extinguishment. Once the fire was controlled, crews could open the machine and fully extinguish the fire. There were several challenges this fire presented. The fire was deep inside the building, requiring time and effort to access. The machine was elevated, making it difficult for firefighters to access the fire directly. The catwalks around the machine were initially unsafe due to the high heat from the fire. Final extinguishment was carried out once the area was deemed safe.

Board President Bernardi, along with his Wife Cathy Bernardi, hosted Operation Hope and Love from California at Station 26. They partnered with South Carolina resident Lauren Holmes of the Forgotten Clothes Closet to distribute donated clothing items to Hurricane Helene Victims. We had an excellent turnout, and we thank President Bernardi and Cathy Bernardi for their selflessness in hosting this event for the victims.