

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

Mayor/Chair
Rachel Hernandez
Council/Authority Members:
District 1-Luis Uribe
Vice Mayor -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 28, 2024 – 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 Fosi 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 3 John Pimentel
Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Stacy Call
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair District 2 Cindy Fosi
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5. AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Hernandez asked that Item 9.6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be tabled to a future meeting for staff presentation and discussion.

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** **Recognition- Cardozo Middle School Girls Basketball Team-** It is recommended that the City Council present a Certificate of Recognition to the Cardozo Middle School Girls Basketball Team, Athletic Director Luis Solorio, Coach Bargas, Coach Golding, and Coach Ramos for their championship achievement.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Cardozo Middle School Girls Basketball team in recognition of their Championship Achievement.

Item 7.2 **Presentation- Riverbank Recycled Water Project-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Neal Colwell, Consulting Engineer with Kjeldsen, Sinnock, Neudeck, regarding information on the history and status of the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project (RRRWP) for the City of Riverbank.

Neal Colwell, Consulting Engineer with KSN gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project (RRRWP).

Item 7.3 **Presentation-Strategic Plan Progress Report-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a progress report on the status of the 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan Report.

City Manager Garcia, gave a Presentation on the Progress of Strategic Plan of 2022-2027.

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 6:55 P.M.

Steve Wallace, Stanislaus County resident, to express his concern in regard to highspeed traffic between Central Ave. and Snedigar Rd.

Sally Wallace, Stanislaus County resident, to express her concern in regards to a drug problem in her neighboring area.

Garry Pearson, Riverbank resident (see attached written comment).

David Collins, Love our Schools Program Director, to extend an invitation to Council to support this local nonprofit organization which is partnering with Cardozo Middle School.

Eddie Cuellar, Riverbank resident, to extend his gratitude to Mayor Hernandez and Councilmember Call for reaching out and making him feel welcomed. Also, would like to see more commercial developments come into town.

Michael Christie, Riverbank resident, to express his concern in regards to poor lighting with in the walking trail at Oakdale Rd. up to Sorenson Park.

Patricia Howard, Riverbank resident to express her concern in regards to street sweeping and lighting in her neighborhood off of 8th street and Texas Ave.

Olivia Arambula, Chamber of Commerce, to extend an invitation for upcoming events.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident, regarding her opposition to the River Walk Project.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 7:17 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 for January 14, 2025.

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2025-003** Approving and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Investment Fiduciary & Retirement Plan Consulting Agreement with The Baldwin Group Wealth Advisors, LLC for ongoing Administration Services of the City's Deferred Compensation Plan.

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2025-004 Accepting** the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Item 9.5 **Resolution 2025-005** to Award Bid for the Woodhaven Drywell, Catch Basin and Hard Scape Project to Sinclair General Engineering Construction Inc. and Authorize Execution of Future Change Orders.

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 approve Consent Calendar **with the exception of Item 9.6.***

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 9.6 **Resolution** Approving a Land Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Land Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless to Install a Cellular Tower at Castleberg Park and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreements.

Public Comment:

Kelly Velasco, Riverbank resident to express her opposition to Item 9.6.

Michael Christie, Riverbank resident to express his concern and suggestions on Item 9.6.

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to share suggestions on Item 9.6.

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

ACTION: *Table the item 9.6 to the March 11, 2025 meeting.*

10. PUBLIC HEARING- No items Scheduled.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **A Discussion on Direction for the Founder's Day Carnival and/or Cultural Music Festival-** It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to the Parks and Recreation Department on the Founder's Day Carnival, scheduled for April 26, 2025, and the Cultural Music Festival proposed to happen on the same day.

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton, gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Cultural Music Festival in lieu of the Founders Day Carnival.

Public Comment:

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to express her concerns on Item 11.1.

Randy Richardson, Riverbank resident to provide positive feedback on Item 11.1.

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to provide positive feedback on Item 11.1.

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

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Uribe 5/0) to approve the Cultural Music Festival on April 26, 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 11.2 **Direction on the Proposed Use of the Transitional/Permanent Supportive Housing Funds Provided by Senator Eggman-** It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to staff regarding the use of the funds granted to the City by Senator Eggman of approximately \$1.5 million.

City Manager Garcia gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation on the proposed use of the Transitional/Permanent Supportive Housing Funds provided by Senator Eggman.

Public Comment:

Deanna Garcia, CVRC representative to speak in support of Option 1

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to express her thoughts and suggestions to support Option 1.

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 use the funds provided by Senator Eggman for Option 1 to work w/ Rebuilding Green & CVRC on the proposed development.*

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 **Consideration of City Council Appointments to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) and the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) for the Year 2025-**It is recommended that City Council: 1) Review the appointment and 2) Volunteer or nominate a member of the Council to serve as the representative; and 3) By roll call vote, ratify the appointment for the year 2025.

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the consideration of appointments to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board (SHA) and the Economic Development Action Committee (EDCA) for the 2025 Year.

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 appointments to the SHA Board and EDAC for the 2025 Year.
(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:

- *No Comments*

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe:

- *I would also like to encourage everybody to attend the Mixer, the Ribbon Cutting event for LGI Homes, Diamond Bar East. I'm personally inviting all of the Council. I printed out the flyers, set them on your desk and for the audience as well. There are copies right underneath the Agenda. So, if you guys can grab one on your way out, it's family event. So, bring the kids as well, too. It's going to be from 6pm to 8pm. All the info is in the back. If you have questions reach out to me. Thank you.*

Councilmember Pimentel:

- *I would like to thank you all for sitting through a long meeting. I'll keep mine short. Like Olivia, said February 8th and 12th Red Robin has partnered with Love Riverbank. So, if you go and eat, you'll be giving to Love Riverbank.*
- *It's nice to see a full room. Let's keep encouraging people to come. Thank you.*

Councilmember Call:

- *As Vice Mayor Fosi said her and I both attended the new mayors and councilmember academy, hosted by Cal Cities whose goal is to protect local decision making and leaving the decisions to the cities themselves. I was able to learn about effective advocacy, financial responsibility, civic engagement, and land use planning, which was a big one for me. And the biggest takeaway that I had is that people are passionate about where they live. So, we need to be an advocate for our community.*
- *Now, through February 28th Stanislaus Latino Chamber has scholarship applications available. They're going to be awarding 10 \$500 scholarships for local seniors, current college students or trade students. I'll be posting it to my Instagram and Facebook. So, if you want more information, if you have a high school senior or somebody in junior college or college or trade school, I encourage you to check that out. \$500 is a couple books.*
- *There is a multi-chamber mixer with Riverbank Chamber of Commerce and Stanislaus Latino Chamber of Commerce on February 6th at the Stonegate Community Center in Patterson.*

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- *I would like to say a big thank you to Development Services for the flashing stop signs on Roselle and South Rosebrook. Yay, my daughter and myself have seen people kind of go through those stop signs because they are kind of hard to see. So, thank you very much for getting those up.*
- *This past week Stacy and I attended the new mayor and councilmember training academy, held by the League of Cities. It was great to meet other representatives from around the state, actually Northern California, and to be updated on several topics that will affect us as new Councilmembers. All of us also attended the emergency executive management training by OES. I would just like to say that*

yes, that sounds very boring, but OES was really good, and kept us entertained through the meeting, and we got some very useful information, and we're hoping never to have to use it, because it's emergency. So please no emergencies.

- *Riverbank Historical Society meeting and Installation dinner is February 8th at 6pm at Perko's. I hope to see everybody there.*
- *I would like to bring an Agenda Item to the next council meeting about an alternative to the Riverbank Regional Recycle Water Project, and it's over 90 million dollars cost. The city of Modesto has a Tertiary Plant that is part of the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Project. The city of Riverbank could become part of this project by transferring our wastewater through a pipeline that would be constructed. The cost of this project would potentially be a lot less than the cost of the Recycled Water Project here in Riverbank. I also would like to note that this would make us part of a regionalization, whereas the project presented now is not. Since these costs will be paid by our citizens, and there are basically little grants and lots of loans that are available that would need to be paid back. I believe that it is in the best interest of the City and for our citizens that we do a cost feasibility study to compare what it would be like to join the City of Modesto. I am asking my council colleagues, to comment tonight by requesting that the City Manager contact the city of Modesto and forward an agenda item for approval to do a cost feasibility study so that we can review this alternative to the Riverbank Regional Recycle Water Project. Thank you.*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- *Tomorrow is Lunar New Year, and I am wearing a traditional Vietnamese outfit. I have left I didn't have enough, but I left some red envelopes for you all, and it's to symbolize good fortune in the New Year.*
- *I attended the United States National Conference for Mayors in DC. I returned the day before inauguration. It was enlightening to be able to connect with mayors from across the nation, and to hear that, at the end of the day honestly, what we're all dealing with is similar issues. And so, the whole theme of it was how we can prepare for the new incoming Federal administration and housing was huge for everybody across the nation. And so, I have built some partnerships and hopefully looking forward to bringing some positive ideas that we can adopt to the city.*
- *Now with going back to the regional water recycling plant. The original price tag was \$90 million, and we were presented with \$124 million at this point I think it is difficult to depend on FEMA with the federal grants, so I would like to also second the option to at least bring to council the ability to talk about a cost feasibility, study. And there's the option for other Council colleagues to send an email. If you're interested in learning more about that again, just to have it as an agenda item to discuss.*

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.

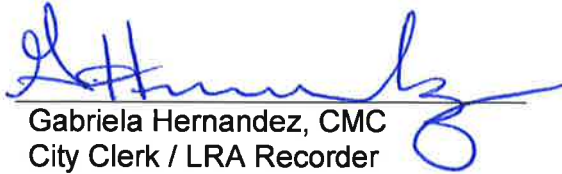
- *No items Scheduled*

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of February 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 02/11//2025)

APPROVED:


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder


Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair

2025 List of Appointments
(Ratified on January 28, 2025)

BOARD / COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (2025 - Appointments)
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE</u> <u>(EDAC)</u> <u>Meets:</u> March 5 and October 8, 2025 from 2-5 pm <u>Location:</u> 1010 10th Street, Modesto Room 1013 (CEO Training Room)	Joshua Mann Director of Community Development (Primary) Melissa Holdaway, Administrative Analyst II (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 Stacy Call (Primary) City Manager (Alternate)

Good Evening, I am Garry Pearson, Resident at 2209 Cedarwood Circle in Riverbank Ca

Three weeks ago I served in a rural community called Planada which is 10 miles east of Merced Ca. Just over 2 years ago this local community of 4700 residents was flooded with 80% of the homes flooded. I volunteered with Habitat of Humainty and Mennoite Disaster relief for a week. We provided our skills as repair, construction, plumbing, painting, installation of showers, Floors, etc for 4 local homes. Now there are 160 homes that requested to have various repairs done to bring these home back to livable condition. Each Week there are 15 volunteers and support staff that go this community and provide the repairs necessary at no cost to the residents. These volunteers are from all over the US and California. I worked alongside young adults to seasoned folks from all walks of Life.

My story was building a closet, installing sheetrock, and installing a door for a family of 5. I sat and had lunch with this family and listened to how their family has recovered somewhat. Being this family is low income having a house they call home is very important. I sat with Maya and watched her make her own lunch of Mandarins, Almonds and Cheese. Her other little sister pulled out her tools of a saw, Screwdriver, and drill. I was able to teach her the simple things of how these tools were used on the door I was installing.

Of course the work is not finished and the Habitat team and Mennoite disaster relief will be on site thru the end of March. Habitat also rebuilt a house in Downtown Merced that was destined for demolition..This project after Habitat leaves will be used for Homeless folks in the City! As Pastor Carlos said, "This is not a period" but a Coma, in the process of serving homeless and low income Folks.

As the City of Riverbank considers future developments such as the Riverwalk let us rememeber the Lessons learned about Planada... Merced County and the State of California FAILED to maintain a levee and drainage/ Creek next to Planada... Let us as a city be proactive in considering the Riverwalk project since there is a levee that is not state reviewed and approved, as I have come to learned from the State Levee commission and other agencies.

AS the EIR becomes Finalized I urge the council to consider this question: Would I personally build a community next to a river and levee that would likely fail given the likelihood of high river flows during those Atmosphic river events..

Reference:

<https://www.kvpr.org/local-news/2024-02-01/planada-residents-look-back-one-year-after-a-devastating-flood-i-lost-everything-i-had-to-start-from-zero>



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