

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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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, FEBRUARY 25, 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** – 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
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 Presentation 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 Public Comment Period at 6:02 P.M.

Vicky Holt, Branch Manager of Riverbank Library to extend an invitation for upcoming events.

Karen Conrotto, Stanislaus County resident to express her opposition to the River Walk Project.

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

Cal Campbell, Riverbank resident and President of the Sister City Committee to extend a thank you to Marisela and staff for their help with the committee. And commend RHS student Chantel Andalon for her participation.

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

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:13 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.

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 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

The Public Notice for Items 10.1 & 10.2 was published in the Riverbank Newspaper on 02/12/2025.

Item 10.1 **Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Amendments-** It is recommended that the City Council consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.

Asst. City Manager Alcantor gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Mayor Hernandez Opened the Public hearing at 6:26 P.M.

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank resident to express opinion in regards to the Gas Tax Analysis.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on the Public Benefit Fund Analysis.

Darlene Barber-Martinez, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on Gilton Services and how will it affect the budget?

Mayor Hernandez Closed the Public hearing at 6:29 P.M.

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

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Call 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025-010 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.***

*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 10.2 **Resolution to Consider Approval of the Request for an Exception to Allow for Flag Lot Configuration and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 01-2023 Located at 3818 Sierra Street (APN 132-048-053).** Consider adopting a resolution to approve a request of Mr. Dennis and Esther Shafer for an Exception to allow for a flag lot configuration and to subdivide the subject parcel based on the General Plan and Zoning Consistency findings.

Director of Community Development Mann, gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Request for an Exception to allow for a Flag Lot Configuration and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map located at 3818 Sierra Street.

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Mayor Hernandez Opened the Public hearing at 6:34 P.M.

Thelma Louise, Riverbank resident to express concern regarding Fire Department access and plumbing in the area.

Mayor Hernandez Closed the Public hearing at 6:38 P.M.

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

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Fosi 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025-011 approving the Flag Lot Configuration and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 01-2023 located at 3818 Sierra Street.**

*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*

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Resolution adopting the City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook-** Consider Adoption of a Resolution, approving of the City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook. The City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook outlines standardized procedures for the efficient conduct of City Council meetings, establishes clear guidelines for Councilmember behavior, and ensures consistency and transparency in the decision-making process.

Nubia Goldenstein, City Attorney with White Brenner gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on proposed City Council Policy and Procedures Handbook.

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank resident to express opinion 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 (Uribe / Call 5/0) to approve **the amendments to the handbook and bring back a redline version.**

*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 **Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study-** It is recommended that Council receive a presentation from Council Member Cindy Fosi regarding options for a Wastewater Treatment Plant feasibility study.

Councilmember Fosi, gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study.

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Cal Campbell, Riverbank resident to express his opposition to Item 11.2.

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to express her support with Item 11.2.

Gary Pearson, Riverbank resident to express his concern with Item 11.2.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to express her concern with Item 11.2.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express her support towards Item 11.2.

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank resident to express his opinion towards Item 11.2.

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

DIRECTION: *Direction provided to staff to **NOT proceed with a Feasibility Study.***

AYES: Vice Mayor Fosi and Mayor Hernandez

NAYS: Uribe, Call, Pimentel

Item 11.3 **Resolution Authorizing a Joint Application to and Participation in the Homekey+ Program-** It is recommended that the City Council consider a resolution authorizing the City of Riverbank to be a Co-Applicant with Central Valley Community Resources, Inc. for an application for funding from the Homekey+ Program.

City Manager Garcia, gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the consideration to authorize a joint application to and participation in the Homekey+ Program.

City Manager Garcia introduced Malon Hughes, Thurmond Consulting, who has been assisting CVCR with the grant application.

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank resident to express his opinion on Item 11.3.

Brad Hawn, Chairman of the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance to express his support towards Item 11.3.

Elizabeth Rodarte, Assistant Superintendent of RUSD to express her support on behalf of RUSD on Item 11.3.

Thelma Louise, Riverbank resident to express her support towards Item 11.3.

Terri Spezzano, Riverbank resident and Board member with CVCR to provide information and express her support regarding Item 11.3.

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to express her full support towards Item 11.3.

Deanna Garcia, to express her gratitude to the City of Riverbank and provide clarification on the initial presentation provided to Mayor and Council.

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

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Call 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025-012** approving the application to the Homekey+ Program.*

*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 11.4 **City Hall Site Assessment-** It is recommended that the City Council provide feedback to staff regarding the preferred site(s) for a future City Hall. This will allow staff to proceed with the conceptual design phase.

City Manager Garcia, gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the City Hall Site Assessment

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank resident to provide his feedback and suggestions towards Item 11.4.

Olivia Arambula, Riverbank resident to express her support towards SITE 1.

Thelma Louise, Riverbank resident to provide her feedback and suggestion towards Item 11.4.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to provide her feedback and suggestion towards Item 11.4.

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

DIRECTION: *Councilmember Uribe: Site 1(Del Rio) & Site 3 (City Hall South)
Councilmember Pimentel: Site 1 (Del Rio) & Site 2 (City Hall North)
Councilmember Call: Site 1 (Del Rio) & Site 2 (City Hall North)
Vice Mayor: Site 1 (Del Rio) & Site 2 (City Hall North)
Mayor: Site 1 (Del Rio) & Site 2 (City Hall North)*

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:

- One quick comment for today from our business license department, which reminds businesses that their 2025 license payment was due in January. So late fees have been applied of 25% and a final 10-day notice is going out to everybody at the end of this week on February 27th so if you're a business and have not paid for your license, please do so. To avoid a citation or license termination, payment must be received by March 13th in order to avoid that.

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe:

- I had the opportunity to do a ride along with our Consolidated Fire Protection Station 26, and they put me to work. They had me putting on gear, carrying hoses, sliding down a pole so kudos to them. Thank you, Ryan. thank you, Robert, and thank you, Ryan, for showing me around your quarters there.
- Secondly, the reps for Verizon wireless have reached out to me. They want to have further discussions with me share more information. So, this is an open invitation for one other council member. We'll do first come first serve. I know how exciting policy meetings are on zoom is, but it's going to be on March 4th at 10 Am. Via zoom. And obviously I'll be sharing my concerns and the pushback that I was giving. So that's all I got. Thank you.

Councilmember Pimentel:

- I just wanted to thank Red Robin for partnering with Love Riverbank and Sister City. The community really came together, and we were able to have a good turnout. So, I just want to give a shout out to Red Robin.

Councilmember Call:

- Stanislaus Homeless Alliance, I did attend that committee meeting last week. It was a heavy presentation day of our county shelter services. So, for those of you who do not know we have the Sierra House here in Riverbank and their sister location is in Patterson for women and children specifically. There is also Family Promise, which is a vacant church offering transitional housing to families. It's a great way to utilize vacant churches. So, if you know of a vacant church. I encourage you to reach out to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance and see how that space can be utilized as such. Haven was there which has had a strong community presence. We Care in Turlock, which is a fairly new program, but for me, Center for Human Services really stood out to me with the Youth Navigation Center. They provide valuable resources to 13 to 24-year old's in crisis, experiencing housing instability or homelessness. But at the end of the presentations the overall concern with these programs helping to mitigate housing and security was funding so overall. Obviously, that's a huge concern. And as the federal programs and state programs become less available or more people applying for the same things, just getting creative on how we're going to fund these.
- I was at the StanCOG workshop with Mayor Hernandez. She mentioned it earlier, but the vehicle mile traveled is not really a sufficient way for us to calculate gas, for in lieu of gas tax here in the Valley, with all of the windshield time, I come from a sales background. So, I can attest to that. I drove 184,000 miles in 3 years

selling pet supply. So, imagine where your produce and your cost of goods. It's really going to drive those costs up. So, we have to get creative in California on how we're going to alleviate that gas tax hit, and then also went over some imminent domain and right of way trainings and information.

- The Riverbank Chambers power of social media with Jane Media. I attended that, and after I left I was on Amazon, buying selfie sticks and selfie lights. So, stay tuned for that.
- I did a ride along with the Riverbank Police Services on Friday with Deputy Navarro. I did not see as much action as you. However, I know I talked his ear off. But the overall consensus that I was able to walk away with is that our Police Services are well respected in our community. A lot of the deputies know our citizens by name, and that's actually kind of gives you that small town feel that everybody talks about. So, I really appreciated that. And how much of a selfless role these deputies take on to protect our community. So, I want to commend them on that. Thank you, Sergeant Hickman for setting that up.
- Then Stanislaus, Latino Chamber, they hosted meet the elected official's dinner last Thursday at Papapolloni we had a huge Riverbank presence which was awesome to see. I think the cohesive message was thanking Stanislaus Latino Chamber for their community support and small business advocacy.
- Cooper Lane right here downtown 3331 Santa Fe Street. They have a ribbon cutting for their store, and if you haven't been in there I encourage you to go out and meet Shannon. She's actually from our community the ribbon cuttings at 2 P.M. but she's literally, meticulously placed everything in that store. It's absolutely beautiful. So, I encourage you to go there on Thursday at 2 P.M. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- I am planning, along with Marisela and staff, what we are calling an Open House with me "Cindy Fosi" at the Riverbank Industrial Complex, so that the citizens can come out and talk to me, but they can also see what a great opportunity we have out there for the citizens, for employment, for everything. It's just amazing out there. So that's going to be March 18th and you'll be seeing things more often once we get the flyer done. Thank you.

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- I was able to attend for the first time CVCR's crab feed, and it was amazing. Thank you so much for hosting that here in the Community Center.
- I mentioned before I attended the STRGBA which is a long acronym for our Groundwater Basin Association. And there are some potential impacts that could affect our rate payers' long term so definitely learning more about that to bring back information to you all.
- I met with Volt Institute and Opportunity Stanislaus today, and their Executive Directors to reiterate the commitment from the City, but also to let them know that we're looking for more support here and more hands-on approaches, so I would encourage all of you to visit them to learn more about their services.

13. CLOSED SESSION

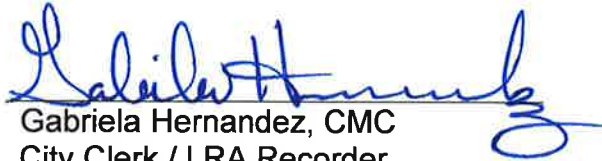
The public will have a limit of **3 minutes** to comment on Closed Session item(s) as set forth on the agenda prior to the City Council/LRA Board recessing to Closed Session.

- *No items Scheduled*

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:34 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of March 11, 2025.

ATTEST: (Adopted 03/11/2025)


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder

APPROVED:



Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair