

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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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, MARCH 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

Order of Presentations will be changed.

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 7.2 Certificate of Recognition – Dominic and Bryant Mordinoia, the Brotherly Love Project. It is recommended that the City Council read and present a Certificate of Recognition to Dominic and Bryant Mordinoia.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the Certificate of Recognition to Dominic and Mordinoia for their Brotherly Project.

Item 7.3 **Proclamation- National Reading Month-**It is recommended that Mayor Hernandez read the proclamation in honor of National Reading Month.

Mayor Hernandez read the proclamation for National Reading Month.

Item 7.1 **Riverbank Woman of the Year 2025 – Olivia Arambula-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation of the Riverbank Woman of the Year 2025 Award to Olivia Arambula by Senator Alvarado-Gil and present a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City of Riverbank.

Landon Whitney, District Director with the office of Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil read and presented a certificate of recognition to Olivia Arambula for being selected as the Woman of the Year 2025.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented a certificate of recognition on behalf of the City of Riverbank for her recognition and selection as Woman of the Year for 2025.

Item 7.4 **Presentation- Community Development Department – Code Enforcement Division-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from the Community Development Director.

Director of Community Development Josh Mann, gave a presentation on the Code Enforcement Division.

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 6:30 P.M.

Jagpal Sandhu, submitted Written Comment (As Attached)

Katrina Kocheri, Submitted Written Comment (As Attached)

Sahir Markos, Submitted Written Comment (As Attached)

Daryl Daniel, Riverbank Resident to express opinion regarding Downtown Riverbank.

Residents who spoke in opposition of the Proposed Housing Project on the corner of Oakdale Road & Morrill Road

- 1. Manuel Rivera***
- 2. Steven Vegas***
- 3. Maricris Garaza***
- 4. Lisa Potter***
- 5. Sue Barnes***
- 6. Sal Galvan***
- 7. Roseline Chandra***

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 7:03 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 March 11, 2025.

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2025-016** to Award Contracts for Jacob Myers Park Food Vendors to Ice Ice Baby Ice Cream and Blue-Collar Café.

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 correction to Item 9.2.***

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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Resolutions 2025-XX and 2025- XX adopting the City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook and updating the process for the Councilmembers to place items on the agenda.-** Consider Adoption of the following Resolutions: **Resolution 2025-XX** approving the City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook, which 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. **Resolution 2025-XX** approving the amendment to the Policy and Procedures for Scheduling Items on the City Council Agenda, which formalizes the process by which Councilmembers may refer items for inclusion on future meeting agendas. These resolutions reflect the recommended changes discussed and approved during the February 25, 2025, City Council meeting

City Manager Garcia gave a comprehensive Staff Report and PowerPoint presentation on the City Council Rules and Procedures Handbook with the changes requested by City

Council at the last meeting and the updated to the process for placing items on the agenda by councilmembers.

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/ Call 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025-017** approving the City Council Policy & Procedures Handbook and **Resolution 2025-018** approving the update to the Policy & Procedure to placing items on the agenda.*

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

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

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Item 12.1 **Resolution Approving the Addendum to Initial Study (IS)/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) document prepared for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project (previously adopted MND)-** City staff recommends approval of a Resolution adopting the addendum to the Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) based on the findings in the Addendum to the MND for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project.

Director of Public Works Cody Bridgewater gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the Addendum to the Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project (previously adopted).

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/Call 5/0) to approve the **Resolution 2025-019** approving the Addendum to Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) document for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project.*

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

13. 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 13.1 Staff

City Manager Garcia

- *Mayor and Council, I am happy to share that the Crossroads West Commercial Project has been selected as project of the year by Opportunity Stanislaus. It is a competitive nomination process and was reviewed by a panel. I can't tell you who nominated it, but we won. So really, really excited for that. Opportunity Stanislaus has invited us to the award ceremony, which is on Thursday April 17, 2025. That's going to be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Dust Bowl Brewing Company. We are receiving some complimentary tickets that will not be enough to cover all of Council. So, I do want to make sure that those who want to attend do attend. We will be able to obtain additional tickets. Please message me ASAP if you are able to attend so that we can make sure to make the necessary reservations.*

Item 13.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe

- *So, this Thursday I'll be flying out to Burbank for the League of California Cities as the representative on the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee. We are going to be having some panel discussions on housing community economic development policies. There's going to be a section there about online sales, tax allocations and there's some kind of zip code mismatching.*
- *I see some Love Riverbank committee members here so shout out to you guys Love Riverbank is going to be April 26th the projects are live. So, sign up.*
- *Excited for the Chamber Installation. I know Olivia was going to mention this, but she had some other things going on. So, it's going to be this Friday. It's going to be at Perkis. They're going to be installing two new board members. It's going to be at 6:00 pm here at Perkis.*
- *Red Robin is going to be teaming up again with Sister Cities. We're going to do one more fundraiser at Red Robins. It's going to be this Saturday, the 29th a lot of the committee is going to be there around 6:00 pm. So, you know, feel free to stop by join us for a meal. 20% goes towards Sister Cities. We're doing a lot of a lot of good stuff for that committee, so I'm looking forward to it.*

Councilmember Pimentel:

- *I just want to say that the church that I attend Community Praise Tabernacle. We have a new location, 3208 Stanislaus Street, Pastor Elias Cordova. We're going to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the near future. I would like to invite the Mayor and City Council when I have more information on that, I will post it, and then I will let the Council know. Thank you.*

Councilmember Call:

- *So, after the last City Council meeting I went to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance meeting. I am a member on that committee, and I was able to share the Sierra House statistics. I am going to share them all with you. There were 78 men and 81 women who utilize the day use showers, and with these efforts they were also able to be provided clean clothing and a hot meal. Then the three residents who*

graduated from the restart program. When are we going to do certificates for them?

City Manager Garcia clarified: We have been discussing what that may potentially look like? Not everybody is comfortable being out in the public. So, we are certainly looking for ways to be able to accommodate that.

- Modesto has a new facility. It's part of the Bridge Housing, so they are individual units where people live just quite a few on one property. Dignity Village, they are having their opening Thursday.*
- Modesto Gospel Mission was able to present, they have Hannah's House for women and children. That is approximately 90 days out. It's a 3.5 million dollar privately funded project that provides 100 beds for women and children. The Modesto Gospel Mission also went over Volente Roasters, and for those who know me I am a coffee nerd, and it's a social enterprise of the Modesto Gospel Mission that provides work experience, job training and helps make these individuals more employable out in the world. The biggest takeaway again after my last SHA meeting was, it's important to have sustainable methods of funding for these sorts of facilities. Because the money does run out.*
- I also met with El Concilio and how we can bring their services to Riverbank with a partnership. We discussed an opportunity for office hours here in chambers to reach our community on social services, English classes, and even health education.*
- I also reached out to Riverbank Police Services to see how we can, maybe some things that they see in the streets to help us bridge that gap between our communities. So hopefully, we can work something out there.*
- Mayor and I went to the Cal Cities League of California City Central Valley Division dinner last week. For me personally, I just enjoy the opportunity to connect with other city leaders being a newer councilmember it's a big mentorship opportunity to hear about the new legislation coming through and connect with people kind of asking for advice or just, Hey, what are you guys doing? So, it's really a great opportunity.*
- March 16th Crossroads West Community Member hosted a gathering in her home. She reached out to me personally to be a part of it. So, I did go. There was about a dozen community members there who were addressing their concerns that we heard tonight and to gain more insight on several topics within the city like meeting cadences, infrastructure housing numbers, and proposed project on Morrill and overall planning process. I appreciate the opportunity to have an open and respectful discussion with my constituents.*
- The new Chase Bank at Crossroads West is open as of March 18th So if you are a Chase banker, it's open.*
- Stanislaus Latino Chamber of Commerce tomorrow here in the chambers they have a business 101 series on human resources here from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. So, if you own a business and have human resource questions I encourage you to come.*
- April 19th is the Modesto Nuts Chamber Mixer with Stanislaus Latino Chamber.*

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- Last week, I got to go to Riverbank High School with Rachel and we taste tested desserts for the State of the City they were yummy and we are looking forward to those desserts. So, if you're coming to the state of the City, bring a dessert tummy because there's going to be lots of fun stuff.
- April 14th is the next meeting for the Riverbank Historical Society, and it's located in the building behind our facility.
- May 18th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Riverbank Historical Society and the Federated Women's Group will be having they're after Mother's Day pancake breakfast this year. Not an omelet, but a pancake breakfast at the Community Center, we look forward to everybody coming out. Tickets can be purchased with myself. There will be some over in parks if they want to pick up there. I have them for you, Michael. Or you can call myself or any member of the Historical Society to get those.

Item 13.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- On March 15th the American Association for University Women hosted all four women Mayors for Stanislaus County, so Turlock's Mayor, Oakdale's Mayor, Modesto's Mayor, and Myself on a panel to talk to community members. Turlock hosted it, and it was a great opportunity to be in a community with them. I think it's just It's difficult with everyone's busy schedule. So, it was nice to be there.
- We did go to Riverbank High School, so they are preparing for 200 attendees. So like a Vice Mayor said, please come hungry.
- I attended StanCOG, I am currently on the Executive Committee, and I am now the member on the California Regional Council of Governments and on the regional locally here Valley Vision Committee, both of which have yet to meet.
- I will also be going to Burbank for the Community Services Policy Committee to listen in on and participate as part of the committee. I attended the dinner as well, and am serving as the it's a complicated leadership structure but as a second Vice President for our Central Valley Division, so it is a really great organization to be a part of.
- But if anyone wants to share a calendar with me, I will add you so send me your email.
- The State of The City, so next week, Thursday we are making a huge effort to involve the community. We have Riverbank High School providing the food. We have a local florist providing some of the decorations. We have Collective Space providing some of the decorations for that as well. We have three non-profit, Sister Cities, Love Riverbank, and The Chamber, providing some information on some local initiatives. and so much more so. We will have from 5:00 to 6:00 pm be more of a social mixer hour, and then I will make the program as short as possible at 6 o'clock, so I hope to see you all there.

14. 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.

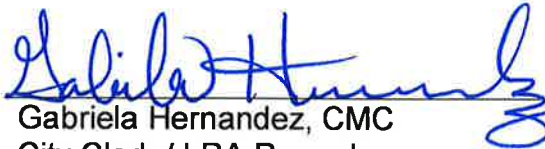
No Items Scheduled.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

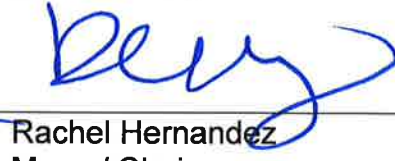
There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of April 8, 2025.

ATTEST: (Adopted 04/08/2025)

APPROVED:



Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder



Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair