

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, APRIL 8, 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

Item 7.6 will be continued to a future meeting.

For the public comment portion of our meeting, we will have 20 minutes allocated for public comment on the topic of Tiny Homes Project on the corner of Morrill & Oakdale Road. We encourage all members of the public to share their thoughts and concerns regarding this topic. To ensure we can accommodate as many people as possible, we will be implementing a Time Limit per Speaker, of 2-minutes.

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.

Councilmember Call stated a conflict of interest with Item 14.1 due to a personal relationship with the Claimant.

7. PRESENTATIONS (Informational only)

Item 7.1 **Certificate of Recognition- Edward 'Fast Eddy' Jones-** It is recommended that the City Council read and present a Certificate of Recognition to Edward 'Fast Eddy' Jones.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the Certificate of Recognition to Edward "Fast Eddy" Jones in celebration of his 95th Birthday.

Item 7.2 **Certificate of Recognition - Naomi Campbell-** It is recommended that the City Council read and present a Certificate of Recognition to Naomi Campbell.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the Certificate of Recognition to Naomi Campbell for being the regional nominee and recipient of a scholarship from the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Stanislaus Charter.

Item 7.3 **National Library Week April 6, 2025 – April 12, 2025-** It is recommended that the City Council read and present the Proclamation for National Library Week to Vicky Holt, Library Assistant.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the proclamation for National Library Week to Vicky Holt, Library Assistant for the Riverbank Library.

Item 7.4 **Proclamation - Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District 30th Anniversary-** It is recommended that the City Council read and present the Proclamation to Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the proclamation in celebration of Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District's 30th Anniversary to the Riverbank Station 26 Team.

Item 7.5 **Presentation – Caltrans District 10-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Daniel Ha, Project Manager with Caltrans District 10.

Daniel Ha, Project Manager with Caltrans District 10 gave a PowerPoint presentation on the key projects that Caltrans is working on in the City of Riverbank.

Item 7.6 **Workshop on Preparation of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance-** It is recommended that the City Council to receive a staff presentation on the preparation of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. The presentation will serve to provide an overview of the purpose of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance and for City Council and the community to provide input on proposed standards/regulations for the Ordinance. No recommendation or formal action is necessary at this point.

Item 7.6 was continued to a future meeting.

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 6:34 P.M.

Sammi Martinez, Love Riverbank non-profit organization to extend an invitation to join Love Riverbank event on April 26th.

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

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

Garry Pearson, Riverbank resident submitted written comment (Attached Exhibit A).

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

*Roseline Chandra
Utpal Inamdar
Kathleen Heinzinger
Maricris Garaza
Lisa Potter
Manuel Rivera*

Submitted Written Comments

*Diego Galvan -Attached Exhibit B
Sal Galvan -Attached Exhibit C
Aileen Tsan -Attached Exhibit D
Karianne Young -Attached Exhibit E
Katrina Kocheri -Attached Exhibit F
Sue Barnes -Attached Exhibit G
Jennifer & Carl Blakely- Attached Exhibit H*

*Sue Barnes- Attached Exhibit I
Sahir Markos- Attached Exhibit J
Ramsina Johny- Attached Exhibit K
Youna Kocheri-attached Exhibit L
Preet Samra- Attached Exhibit M
Jagpal & Kiran Sandhu- Attached Exhibit N*

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 7:05 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 25, 2025.
- Item 9.3** **Resolution 2025-020** to Approve a Final Map for the Countryside III - Subdivision – APN: 062-022-020
- Item 9.4** **Resolution 2025-021** to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus County to Host Library Operations at the Teen Center during Renovation of the Riverbank Public Library.

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 **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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- *No Items Scheduled.*

12. NEW BUSINESS

Item 12.1 Approval of the Public Works Construction Standards:

- 1.) Resolution to Add New Standard Vertical Curb to Roll-Over Curb Driveway Approach Drawing No. 333 to CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 3 – Streets**
- 2.) Resolution to Update 2" Water Service Standard Drawing No. 505 and Add Two New Standards Drawing No. 534 and 535 to CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 5 – Water**
- 3.) Resolution to Update Catch Basin Drawing No. 702, Open Area Drain Drawing No. 706, Horizontal Drain Drawing No. 721 and add two New Standards to CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 7 – Storm**
- 4.) Resolution to Add New Standards for Micro-Trenching, Excavation and Trench Paving Drawing No. 1008 through 1016 to CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 10 – Utilities**
- 5.) Resolution to Replace in its Entirety CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 11 – Trash Enclosure-** It is recommended that the City Council adopt resolutions to add, update and replace CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans for Section 3 – STREETS, Section 5 – WATER, Section 7 – STORM, Section 10 – UTILITIES and Section 11– TRASH ENCLOSURE

Director of Public Works Cody Bridgewater gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed updates to the City of Riverbank Design Standards and Standard Plans.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Michael 'Syd' Halterman, Riverbank resident spoke on the importance of Design Standards.

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 **Resolution 2025-022** to update the CITY OF RIVERBANK STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS – Design Standards and Standard Plans

*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 12.2 **A Resolution Accepting the 2024 Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the City of Riverbank's Housing Element, One of the Elements of the City of Riverbank's 2005-2025 General Plan.-** Staff recommends adopting Resolution 2025-XXX, accepting the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorizing Staff to transmit the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Michael Arroyo Contract Planner with the City of Riverbank, Associate Planner with JB Anderson gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation on the 2024 Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the City of Riverbank's Housing Element.

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) approving **Resolution 2025-023** accepting the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorizing Staff to Report to the LCI and HCD.*

*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:

- *No Comments.*

Item 13.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe

- *Yesterday, I had an opportunity to attend the RESTART classes over at Sierra House. I got to sit there with David, John and Sebastian who are going to be graduating. And if you're not aware, we have three graduates from Sierra House and we're going to be recognizing them on April 22nd at 3344 Sierra Street at 2:00 P.M. They are calling it Achievement we are calling it Graduation. It is going to be something to celebrate. Got to see firsthand Seth kind of handling his role*

there and the professionalism that he's kind of showing. We got to dive into perception, perspective, conflict. So, it's a very informative class. I was very impressed with that.

- Looking forward to Opportunity Stanislaus recognizing the City of Riverbank at the Celebrate the Central Valley event at Dustbowl. Looking forward to that. That's going to be on the, I believe, the 17th of this month.*
- And then for residents, if you are looking for volunteer opportunities, as Sammi said earlier, Love Riverbank, reach out to Sammi. Reach out to Randy. They're leading this whole thing they are doing amazing. The river cleanup does need a lot of volunteers. Please join me out there. You are not going to actually get in the in the river. You are going to be on the embankment. Just kind of cleaning up there. And the cool thing about it this time around, we are teaming up with the Army Corps of Engineers. They are going to have a boat out there. Sounds kind of weird, but we're going to actually load all of the stuff next to the river onto this boat. We're going to float it down to Jacob Myers Park, and then we're going to offload it there into the bins that Gilton has provided for us. So Gilton thank you for that.*
- Another opportunity for volunteers, Sister Cities is going to be meeting this Friday. We are just heavily engaged. We are trying to impact our youth. We are trying to send them out to either Leadership Summits, send them to the Capital. We're trying to do scholarships. So, if you guys are interested in volunteering, just being active, helping the youth hit us up, reach out to me, reach out to John meetings this Friday at 6:00 P.M.*

Councilmember Pimentel:

- I attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner on March 28th. Thank you, Olivia. It was really nice and along with myself and the CPT youth, we were going to be helping with the Easter egg hunt. I believe it's April 19th.*
- And on Monday I met with Vice Mayor Fosi, Darlene Barber-Martinez and some of the others that had questions about what was coming up with public concern. So, we were able to meet and we are educating ourselves on that, we're not taking anything lightly. I received several calls and we are answering to the best of our ability, but we're not rushing. We are taking our time. So, thank you for your concerns.*
- Love Riverbank is coming up. So, if you need help with signing up, a lot of the older people are not able to go on the computer. So, I'm able to help them reach out to me on Facebook at John C. Pimentel and I will do my best to help you.*

Councilmember Call:

- April 1st was Assyrian New Year, so I just wanted to take a moment to recognize the Centuries of Cultural influence in the Central Valley. I found it appropriate to remind everyone of their presence and success in our community.*
- Sate of the City, my key takeaways were to get involved, ask questions and take part in the community business and city leader intersections. It was stated that Crossroads West is a project of patience and quality which is a preface to the*

meetings that I've been having with different departments, law enforcement and CVCR to discuss the tiny home project in depth within the Crossroads West Specific Plan is where that falls. So, it's becoming more and more apparent that this project is not of patience and quality.

- *Project Resolve orientation workshop with the Mayor, continued our conversations on how to reach messengers in the communities with a distrust in law enforcement and bringing them into the space of Project Resolve so that they can hear it, see it, and feel the work that we're doing to bridge that gap.*
- *Yesterday I had the opportunity to speak at the Republican Central Committee. It was a space to introduce myself to my constituents and colleagues in depth, and hear about Bills coming through in California, and I was able to meet Jeremy Young.*
- *Today I was with Councilmember Uribe, we met with Sheriff Dirkse to go over the proposed dispatch system as well as ways we can partner as a contract city to keep public safety at the forefront and as a priority.*

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- *The Riverbank Historical Society is having their next meeting on April 14th at 5:00 P.M. at the museum behind us.*
- *April 15th is the Riverbank Federated Women's Group meeting which will be held at Scout Hall at 6:30 P.M.*
- *May 18th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. both of us, the Historical Society and the women's group are having our after-Mother's Day pancake breakfast. It'll be at the community center from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.*

Item 13.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- *I just want to reiterate the State of City. It was amazing to see folks there to support the City. We don't have an exact count, but I think we set out chairs for about 200, and it was a filled room.*
- *I'm just going to reiterate it was really a testament to how accessible this whole Council is online, in person, at events all the things, phone calls, text, email. So, we are completely accessible to any resident that has a concern or praise for the City.*

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.

Item 14.1 **LIABILITY CLAIMS**

Pursuant to Government Code § 54961)

Claimant: Nathan Wilson

Agency Claimed Against: City of Riverbank

Item 14.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia

Employee Organizations: Riverbank Miscellaneous Employees

There being no public Comments, Mayor Hernandez moved to Closed Session at 7:36 P.M.

Councilmember Call joined closed session at 7:51 P.M.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:03 P.M.

15. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 15.1 Report from Closed Session Item 14.1

LIABILITY CLAIMS

Pursuant to Government Code § 54961)

Claimant: Nathan Wilson

Agency Claimed Against: City of Riverbank

Direction has been provided to staff.

Item 15.2 Report from Closed Session Item 14.2

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia

Employee Organizations: Riverbank Miscellaneous Employee

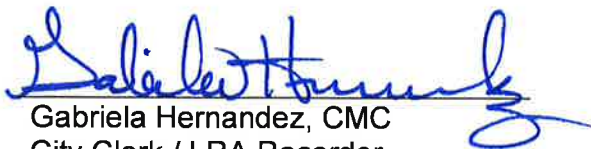
Direction has been provided to staff.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:04 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of April 22, 2025 at 6:00P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 04/22/2025)

APPROVED:


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder


Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair