

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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Rachel Hernandez
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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, MAY 27, 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.

Councilmember Call declared a conflict with Item 9.5-E, Crossroads Landscape & Lighting District.

7. PRESENTATIONS (Informational only)

Item 7.1 **Presentation- STRGBA Background-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Cody Bridgewater, City of Riverbank Director of Public Works, regarding the history and general information about the Stanislaus Tuolumne River Groundwater Basin Alliance (STRGBA).

Director of Public Works Bridgewater, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background history Stanislaus Tuolumne River Groundwater Basin Alliance.

Bill Lyons, River Heights Shopping Center owner to express his concern with Item 7.1.

Anthony Ratto, Escalon resident a farmer in the area to express his concern with Item 7.1.

Wrangler Wheeler, a Farmer in West Modesto to express his concern with Item 7.1. provided City Clerk with a Handout. (Exhibit A- Attached)

John Brichetto, a Farmer in Oakdale to express his concern with Item 7.1.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident mentioned that the proposed Riverwalk project was not part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Garry Pearson, Riverbank resident to express his concern with Item 7.1.

Item 7.2 **Presentation - CalPERS Pension Program Review and Cost Management Strategy Assessment-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from NHA Advisors regarding the City's Public Employee Pension Program (CalPERS) and strategies to be able to manage the rising costs.

Mike Meyer and Eric Scriven, with NHA Advisors gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the CalPERS Pension Program and the strategies to be able to manage rising costs.

Item 7.3 **Presentation – Community Development Department – 6th Cycle Housing Element Progress Update-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from the Community Development Department – Planning Division on the progress made for the 6th Cycle Housing Element

David Niskasen with JB Anderson Land Use Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation with a progress update on the 6th cycle housing element.

Garry Pearson, Riverbank resident to express his opinion regarding Item 7.3.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express interest in the upcoming revised Housing Element.

Item 7.4 **Presentation regarding Brown Act Compliance and Best Practices for Social Media Activity-** The purpose of this presentation is to provide the City Council with a refresher on the Ralph M. Brown Act and the best practices for using social media platforms in a manner that maintains compliance with these legal requirements.

Doug White, Deputy City Attorney with White Brenner LLP, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act Compliance and Best Practices for Social Media Activity by City Council.

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 7:37 P.M.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to thank Council for tonight's SGMA Presentation and for allowing the public to participate in the Strategic Planning session and lastly for the upcoming Riverwalk meeting in July.

Christian, Riverbank High School student to advocate for a youth council.

Juan Tellez, Facilitator with the Youth Inspired Academy to advocate for a youth council. Also, extend an invitation to council for upcoming session on June 6th at the Riverbank High Cafeteria.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 7:41 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 May 13, 2025.

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2025-032** Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2025-033** to Approve and Adopt 2025 City of Riverbank Measure L Expenditure Plan Project List.

Item 9.5 **Resolutions** for each of the Lighting Districts to: 1) Initiate Proceedings for the Annual Levy of Assessments; 2) Declare Its Intention to Levy Annual Assessments; and 3) For Preliminary Approval of the Annual Levy Report for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The Landscape and Lighting Districts are:

9.5-A: Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District
Resolution 2025-034, Resolution 2025-035, Resolution 2025-036

9.5-B: Ridgewood Place Landscaping and Lighting District
Resolution 2025-037, Resolution 2025-038, Resolution 2025-039

9.5-C: River Cove Landscaping and Lighting District
Resolution 2025-040, Resolution 2025-041, Resolution 2025-042

9.5-D: Sierra Vista Estates Landscaping and Lighting District
Resolution 2025-043, Resolution 2025-044, Resolution 2025-045

9.5-E: Crossroads Landscaping and Lighting District

Item 9.6 **Resolution** for Each of the following Storm Drain Maintenance Districts Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The Storm Drain Maintenance Districts are:

9.6-A: Riverbank Storm Drain Maintenance District
No.2006-01 (Heartlands)
Resolution 2025-046

9.6-B: Riverbank Storm Drain Maintenance District
No.05-01 (Sterling Ridge)
Resolution 2025-047

Item 9.7 **Resolution 2025-048** to Approve the Award of the Parks Landscape Maintenance Contract to Grover Landscape Services, Inc.

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 **with the exception of Item 9.5-E.***

*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*

9.5-E: Crossroads Landscaping and Lighting District
Resolution 2025-049, Resolution 2025-050, Resolution 2025-051

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

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (*Fosi / Pimentel 4/0*) to approve Consent Calendar **Item 9.5-E Crossroads Landscape and Lighting District.**

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

AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Pimentel, and Mayor Hernandez

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

10. PUBLIC HEARING

No Items Scheduled.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project. Council Re-affirmation of Resolution 2025-019 Adopting the Addendum to Initial Study (IS)/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) document prepared for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project (previously adopted MND) subsequent to the public comment period required by State Water Resources Control Board.- City staff recommends the re-affirmation of Resolution No. 2025-019 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 subsequent to the public comment period required by State Water Resources Control Board.

Public Works Director Bridgewater gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the Riverbank Recycled Water Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Rescinding Resolution 2025-019.

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 (*Call / Fosi 5/0*) to approve **Resolution 2025-052** rescinding Resolution 2025-019 and adopting the addendum to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document for the RRRWP.

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 **Resolution to Approve an Option for Street Sweeping Services-** It is recommended that the City Council review and approve one of the three proposed options for street sweeping services. Staff recommends approval of option 2A as the preferred course of action.

Public Works Director Bridgewater gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed options for Street Sweeping Services

City Council discussed item with staff.

Randy Richardson, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on why Gilton ended services.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on Item 11.2.

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 2025-053 approving** option 2A for Street Sweeping Services.

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 **Resolution to Adopt a Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy for City-Owned Facilities-** It is recommended that the City Council adopts a Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy for City-Owned Facilities.

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton gave a compressive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy.

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 / Pimentel 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025- 054 approving the Facility Rental Fee Waiver Policy for City-Owned Facilities.**

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:

- *The last Food Court Friday for the year is this Friday May 30th. To close out this successful event Parks and Recreation will be holding its first movie in the park in the grass area of the Sports Complex they will be showing Elemental so, come get your food from your favorite truck and catch the movie with us. The movie will begin at dusk.*
- *A friendly reminder to all that we are currently in our Spring and Summer watering schedule. Odd addresses can water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday and Even addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays before 10:00 am in the morning or after 7:00 pm. No watering is allowed on Mondays.*
- *The City will be hosting a workshop regarding the Riverwalk project on Wednesday July 9th at 6:00 pm in the Community Center. Join us to learn more about this project it's going to be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the City Council and there will be no decision making it will be just an informational workshop.*
- *An update regarding our Recycled Water Project the City had applied for a \$50 million dollar grant for this project, but were advised that due to changes in the federal government the program is no longer being funded. The city will be exploring alternative funding sources including the EPA WIFIA program the progress continues to be made with the State Water Board for SRF funding who has allocated approximately \$83 million to the city already.*

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- *I just would like to comment on what was just announced and it's something that I have heard that was going to happen and it is unfortunate because it's not only our City it is other Cities throughout the United States. I am sorry to hear that this has happened however I do think it brings forward that we should have a discussion about doing a feasibility study on what other things we can do with the Waste Water Treatment Plant to meet our water needs in the future and I'll be bringing that forward when needed.*

Councilmember Uribe:

- *The BRIC Grant if that is what we are referring to that is a little bit shocking. So, we definitely need to discuss that a little bit more definitely at the next Council Meeting. I will be reaching out to Cody and having some discussions about that.*

- Doug, City Attorney kind of scared me on my announcement here so, Doug if you need to yell at me a little bit more go for it. So just a reminder June 8th through the 28th we are going to be doing a donation drive for Sierra House. We are going to be collecting socks, undergarments, laundry detergent, bleach, hand soap everything you can think of for our you know for our homeless. We are going to have drop off donations here in suite A it is going to be Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm. City Hall is not open on June 8th but please start to get those items collect them and then on June 9th bring them in. We will have a donation box up at the front. Me and I'll cover the other person's face we will figure it out.

Councilmember Pimentel:

- On the 17th I attended the Latino Chamber Awards it was very nice. I want to give a shout out to Johnny Garcia it was very organized and well done.
- On the 18th I helped with the pancake breakfast, good job Cindy. I can say that here, it was very nice, well done.
- I had my first meet and greet on the 20th I will be doing another one possibly in the middle of June and I will post on that.

Councilmember Call:

- I went to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance meeting after previous meeting. There were presentations from Behavioral Health outreach and engagement, as well as the new Dignity Village in Modesto. I was most interested in learning more about the different options for housing and the types of permanent supportive housing. The county is really getting creative with what they're doing there, so I commend them on that. And the most eye-opening thing for me is how specific the tenant requirements are based on the funding source. So, to kind of elaborate on that proposition 1 funding, it's all specific to permanent supportive housing for mental health needs and substance abuse was now added to that funding for proposition 1 then kind of carries into it. But behavioral health board meeting I went to that last Thursday to hear about the changes due to proposition 1 and how funding will be realigned and who will be impacted by these changes. One of the most impactful questions asked that night by a board member was, how do we protect the proven programs for preventative services? Proposition 1 is moving revenue streams from preventative services to long term, ongoing services, which appear to be majority housing. So, getting to see that roll out and that change.
- I attended and surprised nobody mentioned it but the Strategic Plan with the team, I was able to discuss what I felt was significant. Some of the priorities that I was able to contribute was the need for an ordinance on vacant commercial properties and partnerships to revitalize our downtown through banker partnership programs and possibly adding economic development liaisons or staff to support Riverbank businesses and the exposure for them as a whole the Parks and Rec expansion opportunities, and adding accountability as a value for the city we need to hold each other accountable and making decisions for our community as one.

- *I attended the Memorial Celebration, which was absolutely incredible. So, thank you, Mayor for helping with that and Councilmember Uribe, I know you had some conversations with Veterans in Action there. So, it was beautiful and I was really, really proud to be there. It's an emotional experience for me so I just I really want to thank you guys for putting that together. It was beautiful.*
- *The Life Jacket Drive, I've talked about it before, but community member Keryn Whitlow and I are doing a life jacket drive on May 31st at Jacob Meyers Park. We have already raised over 60 jackets there sitting in my office, and I can't wait to offload them. We will be out there from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and we have so far raffle prizes from Wow Brow Studio, Get Toasted, 108 Sports Lounge and then other businesses from surrounding cities supporting the cause like; York Orthopedic, Wildfire and Firenze.*
- *Councilmember Uribe touched on it, but we have the Fresh Start Drive starting in June.*
- *So, for a while we've been talking about Opportunity Stanislaus and reviewing that MOU. I'm just requesting council to revisit the allocation of funding for the contract for Opportunity Stanislaus.*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- *I have my Meet the Mayor at Galaxy Theater this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.*
- *Just something that's been sitting on my mind is we are going to be seeing reassessment of our water rates. We heard earlier today the potential for long term increases for our ratepayers. And with this news of the BRIC Grant, it just solidifies that we are not going to get the extra support for our Wastewater Treatment Plant so it worries me, I mean, as a ratepayer that struggles as well, that we are going to continue offloading these increases to ratepayers without the promise that we had originally a few years back mentioned where we were going to potentially be able to kind of pull back some of these rate increases. So, I think as we are seeing the increases on all ends, that we get an Agenda item showing real costs to residents so as we are discussing with financial advisors what's going to come forward with our options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. And again, I want to be supportive of a feasibility study in those options as well, so we can show our neighbors and our residents that we're really committed to quality, but also livability and affordability of our cost of living.*

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 Miscellaneous Employees

Item 13.2 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1))
Title: City Manager

There being no public comment, Mayor Hernandez motion to closed Session at 8:26pm

City Manager Garcia, Recused herself from closed session at 9:05 P.M.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:20 P.M.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 14.1 **Report from Closed Session Item 14.1**
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)
Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia
Employee Organizations: Riverbank Miscellaneous Employees

DIRECTION: *Provided to staff.*

Item 14.2 **Report from Closed Session Item 13.2**
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1))
Title: City Manager

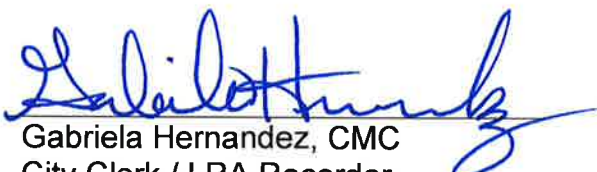
DIRECTION: *Provided to staff.*

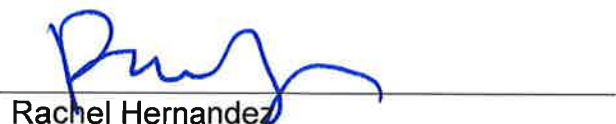
15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of June 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 06/10/2025)

APPROVED:


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder


Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair

Legend
 Non-District West
 Modesto ID
 Oakdale ID
 Non-District East



Water Year 2023

Management Area	Net Recharge (AF)
Non-District West	6,100
Modesto ID	10,100
Oakdale ID	29,600
Non-District East	-70,500

