

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, JUNE 24, 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)

Item 7.1 **Proclamation- Parks & Recreation Month-**It is recommended that the City Council read and present the Proclamation for Parks & Recreation Month to the City of Riverbank Parks & Recreation Department for their service to our community.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the proclamation in honor of Parks & Recreation Month to the City of Riverbank Parks & Recreation Team.

Item 7.2 **Presentation – Illegal Fireworks – Presentation by Alex Tovar, Community Resource Deputy.** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Community Resource Deputy, Tovar on illegal fireworks in preparation for the upcoming 4th of July Holiday.

Community Resource Deputy Tovar, gave a presentation on the issuance of citation fines for the use of illegal fireworks in the City of Riverbank in preparation for the upcoming 4th of July Holiday.

Item 7.3 **Presentation- AB 2561 Vacancy Reporting Obligation-** Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561 (AB 2561), the Council will receive a report during a public meeting on the City of Riverbank's vacancy, recruitment, and retention efforts for the 2024 calendar year.

Assistant City Manager Alcantor gave a PowerPoint presentation on the AB 2561 Vacancy Reporting Obligation pursuant to AB 2561 for the 2024 Calendar Year.

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 6:21 P.M.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express her appreciation for allowing public to comment on Housing Element.

Kent Mitchell, Riverbank resident to express his opposition to the River Walk Project.

Ashton Fortuna, Business Development Rep. with Valley Tech Logic to introduce himself to the community.

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

Fred Walton, Stanislaus County resident to express his opposition to the River Walk Project.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:30 P.M

9. CONSENT CALENDAR (No Obligation to Read Aloud)

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 June 10, 2025.

Item 9.3 **Second Reading** by Title Only and Introduction of an **Ordinance 2025-001** Designating the City of Riverbank Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2025-073** Approving the Updated Compensation Plan for Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Positions and Approving the Part-Time Recreation Leader Classification.

Item 9.5 **Resolution 2025-074** Approving the Measure L Master Funding Agreement between the Stanislaus Council of Governments and the City of Riverbank for Fiscal Years 2025-2030

Item 9.6 **Reject Bids** for the Water and Sewer Line replacement – Riverside Drive / High Street Project and Authorize staff to re-bid the project.

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 **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 Notice for Item 10.1& 10.2 was published on June 4th, 2025 in the Riverbank Newspaper.

Item 10.1 **Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget** -It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget.

Assistant City Manager, Alcantor gave a comprehensive staff report and power point presentation on the Fiscal year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident has question about the parking in lieu fee.

Mayor Hernandez Closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 P.M.

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 the **Resolution 2025-075** adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget.*

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

LRA

Item 10.2 **Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Annual Budget-** By motion of the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Board of Directors (Board) to review and approve for adoption the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 LRA Budget

Administrative Analyst, Holdaway gave a comprehensive staff report and power point presentation on the Local Redevelopment Authority Fiscal year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget.

LRA Board discussed item with staff.

Chair Hernandez opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 P.M.

Chair Hernandez Closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 P.M.

There being no public comments, Chair Hernandez brought the item back to LRA Board.

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Call 5/0) to approve the **LRA Resolution 2025-001** adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget for the LRA.

Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Fosi, Pimentel, Call, and Chair Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

11. NEW BUSINESS

LRA Item 11.1 **Resolution Adopting the Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority Cross Connection Control Program-** Consider adoption of a Resolution establishing the Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority ("RLRA") Cross-Connection Control Program ("Program").

Public Works Director, Bridgewater gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the establishment of RLRA Cross Connection Control Program.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on Item 11.1.

City Council discussed item with staff.

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Call 5/0) to approve **LRA Resolution 2025-002** approving the Cross-Connection Control Program for the Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority.

Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Pimentel, Call, Fosi, Chair Hernandez
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

Item 11.2 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC for a Classification and Compensation Study-** It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a consultant services agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC to conduct a citywide Classification and Compensation Study.

Assistant City Manager Alcantor gave a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the Agreement for Services with Evergreen Solutions, LLC to conduct a Citywide Classification and Compensation Study.

City Council discussed item with staff.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Call / Pimentel 5/0) to approve the **Resolution 2025-076** authorizing the execution of a Consultant Services Agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC.*

*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. COUNCIL REFERRALS

Item 12.1 **Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study-** It is recommended that Council receive a presentation from Vice Mayor Fosi regarding options for a Wastewater Treatment Plant feasibility study.

Vice Mayor Fosi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Richard Holmer, Riverbank resident to express his support with Item 12.1.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express her support with Item 12.1.

Stephanie Ruiz Serna, Riverbank Resident submitted written comment (Exhibit A).

George Serna, Riverbank Resident submitted written comment (Exhibit B)

Beatriz Caravantes, Riverbank Resident submitted written comment (Exhibit C)

Richard O'Brien, Riverbank resident to provide background on Item 12.1.

Gilbert Duran, Riverbank resident to express his concerns with Item 12.1.

Melissa McKay, Pastor at New Life Community Church to express her support with Item 12.1.

Evelyn Halbert, Riverbank resident to express her concern with Item 12.1.

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

Assistant City Manager Alcantor:

- *I wanted to pass along from our Community Development Director, We have submitted our second HCD review draft to the state this afternoon. Just a recap on what we've done so far. On December 2nd, 2024, we submitted our first draft to HCD. On February 27th of 2025, HCD provided a response letter outlining various items to be updated and modified on June 26th, 2025, we released the second draft to the public for a seven-day comment period. So, June 16th to June 23rd. We did receive four public comment letters this week, and those have been incorporated into the second review draft. And then today we submitted that second draft for HCD review. And now we will wait while HCD does their 60-day review period.*
- *Mayor, can I just add one thing about our community meeting on regarding Riverwalk? It is Wednesday, July 9th at the Community Center. And just please note this is just a presentation. No action will be taken, but public comment will be allowed.*

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Uribe:

- *I just want to let the public know one of our local businesses, Circle T Market, they are located on 5925 Terminal Avenue. They have been in the community for 35 years. Due to circumstances out of their control, they have to close down. So, their final day, depending on when they can sell out completely, all their gas at the stations there. So, either Friday or Saturday, Saturday being the last day. Tomorrow, I would like to invite everybody to just come out there. They are going to be doing a barbecue. They are trying to be low key about it. But I would really like to see, you know, some presence in Riverbank kind of show up for them as they have kind of been here for us for 35 years right. So, 4:00 PM, 5925 Terminal. It's the Circle T Market. Just stop by. They are going to barbecue for everybody. You know, purchase something. Just kind of help them out.*
- *The Fresh Drive me and Stacy got this going until the 28th. There is still time to donate. But even after the 28th we are going to continue to push it. Keep pushing for donations. This is going to be a forever ongoing thing. We will just kind of blast it. You know, maybe I don't know, we haven't really decided, but we are going to continue to push and get these donations for Sierra House.*
- *We have reached out to McClintock. We heard some of the issues from the LRA fund 198 the grant is no longer available. We have some property transfer status at the Aemetis the ongoing EPA dispute. So, we have invited McClintock's rep out to the Aemetis property. So, we got council members going to be attending and advocating for that. So, thank you guys for doing that. And then again, we won't see you guys for a while. We will see you for the joint planning meeting for Riverwalk. Other than that, have a good 4th of July and be safe.*

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- *Today all of us. I think all of us were there. Oh, not John, sorry. We went to the groundbreaking for Sutter Gould. They are going to be building an Urgent Care with a couple of family practice over across from where the Costco is. As a Sutter Gould member, I am very excited. They are excited to be here. It should be building up by the end of the year and equipped and ready to go about this time next year, so it's an exciting addition to the Costco area.*
- *Only other thing I want to say, since we are not meeting in two weeks, is happy 4th of July to everyone. Please say fireworks. Be safe. We want all our kiddos to keep all their fingers and toes, but have a good time and eat hot dogs and hamburgers.*
- *I have an open house. July 15th from 11am – 1pm. I will be out at the industrial park and we will be conducting tours. So please look it is posted on Instagram and my Facebook page. You can call the number and reserve a spot to have a tour and see what's going on at the Industrial Park, and you get to see me.*

Councilmember Pimentel:

- *On the 17th I went to the Tuesday night market where we met with Gaby and we did a photo shoot, which was a lot of fun. It encouraged the crowd to step forward and have some fun with their families. So, I encourage you to come on out to our activities. It's a great way to see our City that is coming together and growing.*
- *Also, I attended the 108 Comedy night at the 108 Sports Lounge. We had a Sister City table there. Special thank you to Councilmember Call for that.*
- *On the 19th attended the Stanislaus Latino Chamber's Mixer greet turned out really nice. Special thank you to Johnny Garcia for that.*
- *On July 2nd, I will have a meet and greet near Costless at the TNT fireworks booth from 6:30pm to 8:30pm come on out and we can talk.*
- *I want to encourage you all to have a safe fourth.*

Councilmember Call:

- *A couple weeks ago, after our last meeting, I went to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance meeting, where I'm a committee member, and I don't think I talk about it enough. But every time I do the meetings, I give updates on the Sierra House and the day use facility and the statistics on showers there. So, I kind of wanted to share with you what I share with my colleagues on SHA. So, May 2025, the day use facility had 71 men take showers and 55 women. There are duplicated counts within these numbers because some of them use the facility multiple times a month. But since January 1st, 2025 to the present moment, we have admitted 33 new individuals to the day use facility and admitted means they have completed an HMIS intake form and received services from the facility at least*

once. Some of these individuals may only use the facility once, while others may use it up to five times per week indefinitely. Of the 33 individuals, 30 of them were experiencing unsheltered homelessness. None of them were minors. Seven of them had some kind of disabling condition, 20 were men and 13 were women. And with that at SHA, we had a representative who goes to the school districts and talks to families, go over the different measure methods on unsheltered and homelessness. So, I have talked to Mayor Hernandez, and I have also requested the City Manager to put them on our Agenda to go over the different measuring methods, because when we get our pit count and it should be coming out any day now, when they measure pit count, the method in which they measure homelessness is completely different than the way the schools are measuring homelessness. So, we can have a low number of 22, but the schools could be measuring at 50 to 60 students who are homeless. So, I really want to educate our community on the definitions of homeless and unsheltered persons within our community, which takes me to the fresh drive where we are accepting monetary donations and items that are in need for the day use facility. So, socks, undergarments for men and women. We do accept items for minors as well because minors do unfortunately have to frequent the day's facility. Bleach, hand soap, laundry detergent. So, any of those items.

- Then LOVE Riverbank has \$10 flags where you can honor a Veteran, a person of the community. And it is just a fundraiser to help raise funds for LOVE Riverbank. I personally bought ten, so some of you might have some flags out there.
- Then State of the County is July 1st at the County Chambers, which is also Modesto City Council Chambers in downtown Modesto. So, it is at 9:00am and Buck Condit, who is our representative for District one, is also the chair for Board of Supervisors. And he will be delivering the State of the County.
- North County Corridor groundbreaking is July 8th at 9:30am.
- Council and City Planning has a joint meeting open to the public on July 9th at 6:00pm at the community Center. I really encourage, especially those who are consistently coming to speak about the River Walk to come and see. I am excited for the workshop myself.
- Then 3rd Thursday, I decided that for my open office hours, I'm going to keep it consistent, keep it easy for everyone to remember. But 3rd Thursday is going to be my open office hours. Just kind of listen for the location because I'm going to try to spice it up a little bit, So that's July 17th.
- Lastly, last year at 108 Sports Lounge, we did a Comedy for a Cause for the Sheriff's department, for Riverbank Police Services, and all of the proceeds stayed local for Riverbank Shop with a cop. We are going to be doing it again. And that is November 8th, so save the date for that. We had cool raffle prizes.

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- *So, I was able to participate in the groundbreaking for California Rural Legal Assistance that provides free legal services for low income people. And though they are in Modesto, I told them. And their director is actually a Riverbank native. So, we're hoping to bring some of their services to this area.*
- *I was able to go to Volt Institute's graduation ceremony and give a what I felt was very uninspiring keynote speech, but it was really great being there just to update everybody. They're working on a, I believe, three-year strategic plan, which I think will be a great opportunity for us to give some really serious input. And I started giving them notice of that, that how we want to participate.*
- *I was able to tour Welbe Health. If I'm pronouncing that correctly. They are located at the end of Roselle on Scenic, and they give great, are you familiar with them? I'd love to have you give a little input, but they give all kinds of services for seniors 55 and over a plan for daily life, some normalcy, transportation for medical services from their homes to wherever they need to go. Food, fresh food and hot foods, but also foods to take home, etc. So, one of their directors is also a Riverbank native, and so they are very interested in coming to share some of their resources.*
- *I am on the Boys and Girls Club board of directors and we / I want to move forward if anyone from our RUSD is listening because we have after school programs in other school districts, but none here yet for this district for having a conversation around that. I think they are under the impression that we already had a program with our Parks and Recreation department, so maybe that's part of the reason why they haven't approached us.*
- *Stanislaus Latino Chamber, I believe you mentioned it, but every year is pretty fun. They have a beer named after them. And so, it was a great time to be able to go there and hang out.*
- *I participated in Saturday Night Market their organizers doing this fun social media thing called Battle Bites, and it was slightly embarrassing, but it is now well documented on social media. If you want to take a look at their page.*
- *Project Resolve, I'm going to tag team this with Councilmember Call. But we both participate in the meetings. And three years ago, I believe, Richard correct me if I'm wrong they did a survey when we were considering the School Resource Officer at the school district, at Riverbank School District, to talk about with the students, about what their feelings were around, having a School Resource Officer, what their thinking, what some of the opinions are. And now recently, this year they conducted another survey after a couple years of having the School Resource Officer there with new information and more opinions from the students themselves around their sentiments with the SRO and law enforcement as a whole, Project Resolve aims to build community and communication with our*

neighbors, and so we are going to have them come and we have a whole list you want to add to it, we have a whole list of data that we want to bring. And will let you add to that:

Councilmember Call: So, we talked about definition of homeless just because Project Resolve kind of works hand in hand with those with some of the resources that our Sheriff's department offers. But adding in calls for service hotspots in Riverbank, we'd like to really evaluate the hotspots. Last meeting, I requested an additional deputy. So really getting to see those hotspots where the calls are going and then dispatch changes, which we talked about. But I brought it to Mayor's attention that when I am looking at our biweekly reports of calls for service, they are not really in an isolated area anymore. They are more scattered. And especially with the increase in retail, I would like to take a proactive approach to keeping our community safe rather than a reactive approach. And doing stings is effective, but it's not efficient to do it once a month for the Sheriff's department. So, if we can be proactive rather than reactive, I would really like to do that.

- Our meetings are always robust, but we would love to have a full meeting with you know, our experts from Sheriff's office, the consultants from Project Resolve to give a full gamut of data for us to be able to make decisions around public safety.*
- Happy 4th of July!*

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 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

(pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8)

Property: Assessor's Parcel Number: 074-006-021 & 074-006-022

Negotiators: Marisela H. Garcia, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: H Homes, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment, or both

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 comment, Mayor Hernandez motion to closed Session at 8:37pm

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:16 pm.

15. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 15.1 **Report from Closed Session Item 14.1**
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8)
Property: Assessor's Parcel Number: 074-006-021 & 074-006-022
Negotiators: Marisela H. Garcia, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: H Homes, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment, or both

DIRECTION: *Direction 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 Employees

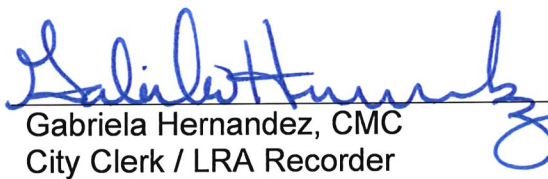
DIRECTION: *Direction provided to staff.*

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:17 P.M.to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of July 22,2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 07/22/2025)

APPROVED:



Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder



Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair