

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, JULY 22, 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** – Pastor Mynor Merlo 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- National Health Center Week- August 3-9, 2025-** It is recommended that the City Council read the Proclamation for National Health Center Week August 3-9, 2025; and present to Golden Valley Health Centers.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the proclamation in honor of Health Center Week to Golden Valley Health Centers.

Item 7.2 **Presentation- City of Riverbank Parks & Recreation Department-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation about the City of Riverbank Parks and Recreation Department.

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton provided a PowerPoint overview of the Parks & Recreation Department's programs and services.

Item 7.3 **Presentation-RPS Overview** – Presentation by Ed Ridenour, Chief of Police-It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Chief Ridenour on the history and structure of Riverbank Police Services.

Police Chief Ridenour provided a PowerPoint overview on Riverbank Police Services structure and history.

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 6:36 P.M.

Colleen O'Brien Preston, board member for League of Women's Voters of Stanislaus County read a letter on behalf League President Amy Wolfe. (see attached, exhibit A)

Eddie Cuellar, Riverbank resident commented on the River Walk project and requested the city explore the use of red-light cameras for traffic safety.

Sammi Martinez, LOVE Riverbank, expresses her gratitude to all who came out to support the 4th of July bicycle parade. Extended an invitation for the upcoming Community Closet and Narcan training. And as a Riverbank resident wants to express her concern regarding a potential conflict of interest involving River Walk developers and Sister Cities Committee members.

Lorri Faile, Riverbank resident, expresses her gratitude to our Sheriff department and Parks & Recreation Department. And as a Chamber of Commerce representative extend an invitation for upcoming community events.

Fred Walton, Stanislaus County resident, opposed to the River Walk project.

Eric Grubeck, Riverbank resident, expresses his concern with fundraising and its potential conflict of interest between River Walk developers and Sister Cities Committee members.

Barney Aggers, Stanislaus County resident, expresses his gratitude to Sheriff patrol for enforcement of speed. Expresses his opposition to the River Walk project.

Karen Conrotto, Stanislaus County resident, opposed to the River Walk project.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:57 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 24, 2025 and Joint City Council-Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2025

Item 9.3 **Authorization** for Out of State Travel to have Finance Staff Attend the Caselle Training in Provo, UT

Item 9.4 **Resolution 2025-077** to Approve Amendment #1 of the Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus County to Host Library Operations at the Teen Center during Renovation of the Riverbank Public Library.

Item 9.5 **Resolution 2025-078** to Approve the Application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Riverbank Sports Complex Expansion Project.

Item 9.6 **Resolution 2025-079** to Award a Civil Engineering Services Contract to MCR Engineering to Perform General Municipal Engineering Services for the City of Riverbank and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Said Contract

Item 9.7 **Resolution 2025-080** of the City Council of the City of Riverbank Declaring Its Intention to Annex Territory to a Community Facilities District and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein, the City of Riverbank CFD No. 2016-1 (Public Services) Annexation No. 3.

Item 9.8 **Resolution 2025-081** to Award Bid for the Silverrock Road Overlay Project between Patterson Road and Oakdale Road to Dirt Dynasty, Inc. and Authorize Execution of Future Change Orders.

Item 9.9 **Resolution 2025-082** to approve a Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Heritage II with Summerfaire Commerce Center, LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.

Item 9.10 **Resolution 2025-083** to approve a Final Map for the Heritage II Subdivision at 6648 Claudi's Road – APN: 062-039-048

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

The Notice for Items 10.1 & 10.2 was published on 07/02/2025 in the Riverbank Newspaper.

Item 10.1 **Resolution Authorizing the Application and Amending the PLHA Program Plan for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program-** It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution to amend the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Formula Allocation Plan originally approved in July 2020, and subsequently amended in 2021 and 2024.

City Manager Garcia provided a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation on the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Formula Allocation Plan proposed amendment.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 P.M.

Mayor Hernandez Closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M.

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 the **Resolution 2025-084** authorizing the application and amending the PLHA Program Plan with Option 1 (allocating 60% of PLHA to Sierra House)*

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 **Public Hearing for Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase.** - It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting a resolution approving a 1.3% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase in rates for solid waste disposal services pursuant to the executed franchise agreement with Gilton Solid Waste, Inc.

Assistant City Manager Alcantor, provided a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Solid Waste Rate increase.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Hernandez Closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

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 the **Resolution 2025-085** approving a 1.3% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase in rates for solid waste disposal 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

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Direction on the Proposed Use of the Interim/Permanent Supportive Housing Funds Provided by Senator Eggman-** It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to staff regarding the use of the funds granted to the City by Senator Eggman as part of the 2021-2022 State of California Budget bill.

City Manager Garcia, provided a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Interim/Permanent Supportive Housing funds provided by Senator Eggman.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Cynthia Prieto-Diaz, Stanislaus County resident express support for option 2 in regards to Item 11.1.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Uribe 5/0) to move forward with Option 2 - Issuing a Notice of Funding Availability.*

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 **Designation and appointment of a Primary and Alternate Member to the City Youth Council; nomination of community members to serve in the Youth Council Interview Panel; and Resolution setting the meeting stipend for Youth Council Members-** Staff recommends the City Council: 1.) Appoint a Primary and Alternate Councilmember to the Youth Council 2.) Request that each Councilmember nominate one community member to serve on the Youth Council Interview Panel; and 3.) Approve a Resolution setting the meeting stipend for Youth Council Members

City Clerk Hernandez provided a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Youth Council Program to appoint a primary and alternate councilmembers, nominating community members to interview panel, and setting a meeting stipend.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Emily Ramirez, Riverbank High School student expressed her support and ideas towards Item 11.2.

Christian, Riverbank High School student expressed his support and ideas towards Item 11.2.

Janeth Reyes, Riverbank resident expressed her interest and support towards Item 11.2.

Juan Tellez, Stanislaus County resident expressed his support towards Item 11.2.

Yarely Reyes, Riverbank High School student expressed her support towards Item 11.2.

ACTION: ***Mayor Hernandez appointed as Primary and Councilmember Uribe appointed as Alternate.***

Panel Interview Community Member Nominees:

Councilmember Call: Kelly Velasco

Councilmember Pimentel: Elias Cordova Jr.

Vice Mayor Fosi: Sammi Martinez

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Call / Pimentel 5/0) to approve the **Resolution 2025-086** approving stipend of \$25 per meeting, per youth councilmember, with a meal provided at each meeting and the remainder of the \$5,000 budget if any, for Scholarship opportunity.*

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 **Designation of a Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) to Represent the City During the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting-**It is recommended that City Council designate a member of the Council as the Voting Delegate, plus one or two alternates. The voting delegate will participate in the Annual Business Meeting during their attendance at the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, to be held in Long Beach on October 8-10, 2025, and will represent the City during the consideration of resolutions that establish Cal Cities policy. The City Council is to ratify the designations by roll call vote.

ACTION: ***Primary voting delegate: Councilmember Stacy Call**
Alternate Voting Delegate: Vice Mayor Cindy Fosi*

12. COUNCIL REFERRALS

Item 12.1 **City Flag-** It is recommended that Council receive a presentation from Councilmember District 1, Luis Uribe regarding the City Flag.

Councilmember Uribe provided a presentation on the current City Flag and proposed changes.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Direction was provided to staff to move forward with this item.

Item 12.2 **Adopt a Storm Drain-** It is recommended that Council receive a presentation from Mayor Hernandez regarding an Adopt a Spot Storm Drain Program.

Mayor Hernandez provided a presentation on the Adopt a Spot Storm Drain Program.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Direction was provided to staff to move forward with this item.

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:

- *Our last movie in the park is showing this Saturday at Silva Park. We will be showing Inside Out 2. The movie will begin at dusk and we will be having games, activities, and free Raising Canes before the movie. The movie is free to all that would like to attend. So, you get a free movie, free food. Come and enjoy!*
- *Stanislaus County has released the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2025-2030 for public review and comment. What is that? Some of you may not be familiar with what that document is. The CEDS, as it is commonly known, is a document that helps to aid communities in applying for Economic Development Administration grants to implement projects and programs identified in the project and are designed to spur economic development in your community. The document is available on the Stanislaus County CEO website, and comments are being accepted through August 20th, 2025 by 5 p.m. There is a section that's dedicated to Riverbank. So if Council is interested in seeing that section, we can send it out individually as it is a pretty large document. That way you can provide some feedback on that specific section to the County.*

Item 13.2 Council/Authority Member

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- *I attended the groundbreaking for North County Corridor. This is a really exciting addition to the Modesto, Riverbank area. Once it's completed, we will really relieve a lot of traffic on our Claribel and Patterson roads. We just have to survive the three years for it to get done. So, I'm asking all of our citizens to have patience and remember, everybody's trying to get to the same place you are. So, don't try to rush because they are all trying to rush. We will let you know all of the dates of when Roselle will close or when anything's closing. So, keep yourself informed by watching the agenda or going to the City website. They will be posting that information.*
- *I also attended the workshop on Riverwalk, and I just want to thank all those that attended the meeting and gave your comments. We appreciate it. I know it's hard to not hear anything from Council, but that was our job was to sit there and listen*

to you and hear your comments and suggestions and what you would like us to do. So, thank you all for coming.

- On the 15th, I had my meet and greet tours at the Industrial Park and I was so excited to see about 25 to 30 people there come and do a tour of the Riverbank Industrial Park. Everybody really was amazed at what is out there. I understand Stacy's going to be doing the same thing. What date is yours? July 31st. She'll be offering tours also, if you have not ever been out there, or if you haven't been out there for ten years, sign up for the tour because it's pretty amazing.
- Lastly, I will be out of the Country for the next three weeks, so if you try to contact me you will get Rachel because I'm going to put on my email to forward to her if you would like to, or you will get my voicemail. So, have a fun three weeks I will see you when I get back.

Councilmember Uribe:

- This past July 19th, Riverbank Sister Cities held a fundraiser we raised \$340. We are going to turn around and support our Sheriff's toy drive. So next week, the entire committee is going to go out to target. Trying to keep the money locally, trying to, you know, support your guy's program as well. We are just going to buy a bunch of toys and make it fun and support your cause.
- We're also going to be out at the National Night Out event that you guys are hosting on August 5th. We received a pretty large donation of seed packets, vegetables, gardening, a bunch of items. So, we are going to be giving them out for free. We are just encouraging gardening, self-sufficiency. It's going to be August 5th from 5 to 8 p.m. at Silva Park. We will see you there.

Councilmember Pimentel:

- On July 11th Sister Cities, we met at Cal's house. Thank you, Cal, for opening your home. It's nice to see the Sister Cities banners are going up throughout Riverbank promoting the September 13th Mexican Independence dinner and a raffle. Sister Cities is a very important outreach to the Community. Having said that, I would like to comment on what was said about me tonight. Eric was very respectful and I appreciate the words that he chose. On the other hand, Sammi Martinez had mentioned me in a recent social media post regarding Sister Cities, which is taking the focus off of the purpose of Sister Cities and was putting it on myself. She was implying that I could be bribed for an upcoming project, which is an insult in what I call keyboard courage. I am not going to partake in people trying to use City Council as a mockery. Everything that I do is about a project, not a title it is for our people. Having said that, I want to encourage the residents of Riverbank if you have questions about anything, it is your right to reach out to the City staff and our legal not to take second hand information. Because at the end of the day it is all about an important cause and not someone's five minutes of fame with their reality show mentality.

Councilmember Call:

- *I went to the State of the County where Chair Buck Condit earlier this month talked about the resilience and progress within our County, specifically focusing on the technology homeless advocacy, our partnerships within the County, and Economic Development.*
- *I, too, was at the North County Corridor groundbreaking, it's nice to see a safer, smarter way for our community to travel. And again, three years, it'll go by in a jiffy. I did ask the City Manager to revisit a timeline for those closures, because there has been some conflicting information that has come to me from community members so getting an accurate timeline of the Claus Oakdale upgrades as well as the Roselle closure. So, looking to get that coming in soon.*
- *I did open office hours at Get Toasted last week Small bites and Big conversations. We had actually quite a few people come through was really excited and super respectful conversations.*
- *The Stanislaus County Fair just finished and they actually had a large group of people advocating for the County Fair this year, and really trying to get more people in. So always fun.*
- *Save the date I have the Aemetis tour future and focus on July 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. I already have a good number of tourists scheduled, so please email me to schedule and they will be doing root beer floats.*
- *National Night Out I am going to actually have a booth there at Silva Park on August 5th, and so bring your children out to come fish for rubber duckies and prizes at 5 p.m.*
- *Then I want to invite everyone to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance meeting on August 13th at the County Chambers, Modesto City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. I go to these meetings the second Wednesday of every month. There's not a huge turnout, and I really wish there was more of a turnout. And it doesn't always have to be positive conversations. It could be constructive criticism. There's a lot of presentations given at the SHA meetings, and it's nice to hear community feedback on what they are seeing, because we see the presentations. But I'm only in a small section of the county, so it's really nice to see hear what everyone else is seeing within our County.*
- *Riverbank Night at the Nuts is August 15th, and we have cute Hawaiian shirt for that. I'm really excited.*
- *Lorri mentioned the Chamber event at 108 on August 20th, and it's a karaoke night. She didn't mention that, so make sure you bring your singing voices.*
- *Save the date for November 8th. We were doing a shop with a cop fundraiser at 108 as well for the Santa shopping.*
- *I want to mention two things that I've previously mentioned. I would like to add a Patrol Deputy with our growing population and with the 1 to 2 year wait. So, I would like to revisit the possibility of that with the numbers that we've seen, where we have a 0.92 per 1000 residents, I'd really like to see one full deputy per 1000 residents, and then also Opportunity Stanislaus, we have a presentation*

pending, and it's been about two months since we started having these conversations. I would like to revisit terminating that agreement.

Item 13.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- I just want to mention one thing. Obviously, there's been a lot of conversation around StanCOG and some of the Grand Jury reports that came out. I just want to hopefully affirm and reassure the Council that though I am bound by a lot of Closed Session items that are discussions that have happened, unfortunately, every step of the way I have considered, you know, what is best for the City moving forward as we do in Council and I think it's been reflective of how we have made decisions, bringing data, best practices, standards, all the things considering, you know, potential litigation, all of that. It was a difficult decision to make but I feel confident in the direction but it is a volatile. And so, I'm trying to figure out how much I can share and when. I want to show you that I'm going to do that as soon as possible. You know, when, when all of this happened. So, there is a public meeting on August 13th, I believe do you have that off the top of your head Marisela? 3rd Wednesday of August the 20th. Yeah, the 20th. So, you know, if you want to listen in, there's definitely zoom accessibility. But regardless, I want to make a point of reporting back to you all moving forward. So, you're apprised of all the information possible.*

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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia

Employee Organizations: Riverbank Miscellaneous Employees

Item 14.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia

Employee Organizations: Riverbank Mid-Management Employee Association

Item 14.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9)

Name of Case: Miller Arms Company, Inc. v. City of Riverbank et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-23-002593

Item 14.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9) Name of Case: Advance Materials and Manufacturing Technologies, LLC v. City of Riverbank et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-23-004578

Item 14.5 **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.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:42 pm.

15. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 15.1 **Report from 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

Item 15.2 **Report from Item 14.2**
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)
Agency representative: City Manager Marisela H. Garcia
Employee Organizations: Riverbank Mid-Management Employee Association

Item 15.3 **Report from Item 14.3**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9)
Name of Case: Miller Arms Company, Inc. v. City of Riverbank et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-23-002593

Item 15.4 **Report from Item 14.4**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9) Name of Case: Advance Materials and Manufacturing Technologies, LLC v. City of Riverbank et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-23-004578

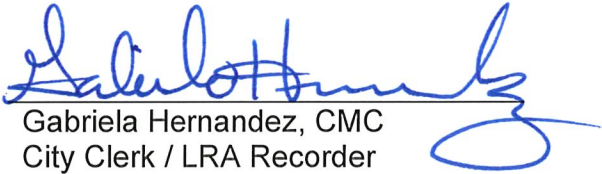
Item 15.5 **Report from Item 14.5**
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1))
Title: City Manager

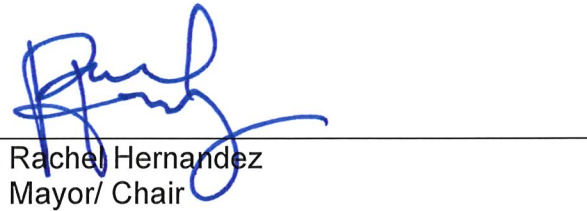
16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:43 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of August 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 08/22/2025)

APPROVED:


Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder


Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair