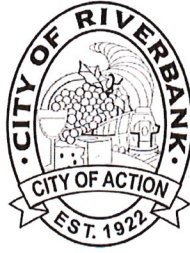


CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.RIVERBANK.ORG/AGENDACENTER](http://www.riverbank.org/agendacenter))

1. **CALL TO ORDER** -Mayor / Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **FLAG SALUTE** –Vice Mayor Fosi led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Reverend Randy Richardson provided the Invocation.
4. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk Hernandez conducted Roll Call.

Members of the City Council / Local Redevelopment Authority Board present:

Council Member / Authority Member District 1 Luis Uribe
Council Member/ Authority Member District 3 John Pimentel
Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Stacy Call
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair District 2 Cindy Fosi
Mayor / Chair Rachel Hernandez

5. AGENDA CHANGES

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- Veterans and Military Families Month – November 2025-**
It is recommended that the City Council read the Proclamation for Veterans and Military Families Month – November 2025 and present to American Veterans First.

Mayor Hernandez read and presented the proclamation in honor of Veterans and Military Families Month to American Veterans First.

- Item 7.2** **Presentation- Traffic Committee-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Cody Bridgewater, City of Riverbank Director of Public Works, regarding the Traffic Committee, and its duties to the City of Riverbank.

Director of Public Works Bridgewater gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Traffic Committee and its duties.

- Item 7.3** **Presentation-Opportunity Stanislaus Memorandum of Understanding-** City Council to review and provide guidance on the program offerings by Opportunity Stanislaus.

City Manager Garcia gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the program offerings from the Opportunity Stanislaus Memorandum of Understanding.

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 the Public Comment Period at 6:36 P.M.

Darlene Barber-Martinez, Riverbank Chamber of Commerce to share upcoming events for both the Riverbank Chamber of Commerce and Central Valley Resources.

Randy Richardson, Pastor Riverbank Assembly of God to extend an invitation for an upcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Diego Hernandez, Riverbank resident to request more information from Bartle & Wells & Associates.

Michael Christie, Riverbank resident to thank Councilmember Call for a great fundraiser event for Shop with a Cop.

Milt Trieweller, Stanislaus County to express his opposition to the RiverWalk Project.

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Comment Period at 6:47 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 October 28, 2025.

Item 9.3 **Resolution** Approving the Consultant Services Agreement with Black Water Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the Preparation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Feasibility Study.

Item 9.3 pulled for Public Comment.

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 Items 9.1 and 9.2 as presented.*

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

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

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2025-109** Approving the Consultant Services Agreement with Black Water Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the Preparation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Feasibility Study.

Diego Hernandez, Riverbank resident, seek further clarification on Item 9.3.

Rich Holmer, Riverbank resident provided written comment (Exhibit A- Attached).

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe /Call 5/0) to approve Consent Calendar Item 9.3 as presented.*

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

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

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

10. PUBLIC HEARING- No Items Scheduled.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **A Resolution Approving the Appointment of Alex Rodriguez, as Alternate to the Planning Commission Effective January 1, 2026.-** It is recommended the City Council consider Mayor Hernandez's nomination to fill one (1) upcoming vacancy for an Alternate Planning Commissioner seat, for a full 2 -year term effective January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027.

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive staff report on the recommendation to appoint Alex Rodriguez to the position of Alternate Planning Commissioner.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to City Council

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Uribe 5/0) to approve **Resolution 2025-110** to Appoint Alex Rodriguez as Planning Commissioner Alternate.*

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

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

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

Item 11.2 **Receive Direction from City Council Regarding the Next Steps for the Proposed Jacob Myers Park Trail Expansion Project.** - It is recommended that the City Council receive an update on the Jacob Myers Park Trail Expansion Project and provide direction to staff regarding the next steps.

Director of Parks & Recreation Patton gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Jacob Myers Park Trail Expansion Project and requested City Council direction for the next steps on the project.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Diego Hernandez, Riverbank resident opposition on Item 11.2.

Michael Christie, Riverbank resident to provide input on Item 11.2.

Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to City Council

DIRECTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Fosi / Uribe 5/0) to move forward with Option #2- Direct staff to move forward with the contract amendment submitted by Moore Biological Consultants Inc. and approve the proposal by MCR Engineering and direct staff to complete the steps described previously.*

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

Item 11.3 **A Resolution to Approve a Contract Change Order for Value Engineering for the Regional Recycled Water Project – Phase I to KSN, and Authorize a Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$194,310.00 from the Sewer Fund 106-** It is recommended that the City Council award the contract change order for the Value Engineering phase of design for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project – Phase I to KSN, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with said firm in the amount of \$194,310.00 and authorize a budget appropriation from Sewer Fund 106 for said contract.

Director of Public Works Bridgewater gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Contract change order for Value Engineering for the Regional Recycled Water Project- Phase I to KSN.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Diego Hernandez, Riverbank resident to express his opposition to Item 11.3.

Randy Richardson, Riverbank resident in favor of Item 11.3.

Michael Christie, Riverbank resident to seek clarification on Item 11.3.

Darlene Barber-Martinez, Riverbank resident in favor of Item 11.3.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express her concerns and seek clarification on Item 11.3.

Rich Holmer, Riverbank resident provided written comment (see attached).

Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to City Council

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Fosi 4/1) to table Item 11.3 to the January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting.*

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

Item 11.4 **A Resolution to Approve a Contract Change Order for Value Engineering for the Regional Recycled Water Project – Phase I to Brown and Caldwell, and Authorize a Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$138,475.00 from the Sewer Fund 106.-** It is recommended that the City Council award the contract change order for the Value Engineering phase of design for the Riverbank Regional Recycled Water Project – Phase I to Brown and Caldwell, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with said firm in the amount of \$138,475.00 and authorize a budget appropriation from Sewer Fund 106 for said contract.

Director of Public Works Bridgewater gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the Contract change order for Value Engineering for the Regional Recycled Water Project- Phase I to Brown and Caldwell.

City Council discussed item with staff.

Diego Hernandez, Riverbank resident to express his opposition to Item 11.4.

Jami Aggers, Stanislaus County resident to express her concerns and seek clarification on Item 11.4.

Mayor Hernandez brought the item back to City Council

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Hernandez / Uribe 4/1) to table Item 11.4 to the January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Pimentel, Fosi and Mayor Hernandez
NAYS: Call / 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:

- All city offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Should residents have a street, water, or sewer emergency, please call our Public Works hotline at 209.869.7128.
- A reminder to residents that sandbags are available at Public Works Corporation yard just outside of the main gate. Please bring your own shovel. We do have the sand and the bags available there.
- The deadline to submit your application and design for the City Flag design contest is Monday, December 1st. Get creative and don't hesitate to submit your application. For more information on the design guidelines, please visit our website at www.riverbank.org.
- The third draft of the Housing Element has been submitted to the state after the 7-day review period. HCD does have 60 days to respond, which takes us to about January 19th to receive those. Those interested in reading the updates, please visit the Planning division web page on our website. In addition, the Planning division has issued a request for proposals for an update to the Citywide System Development fee program. The goal of the study is to update our fee program to establish new infill development and transit-oriented development fees to support infill housing and transit accessible development. This update is being funded by the regional early action plan funding from the state of California. Information on the RFP can be found on the bids and requests for proposals page on the city's website. Proposals are due by January 7th.
- On behalf of city staff, a special thank you to Ben Ruben for his five years of service to the Riverbank community on our Planning Commission and we wish him the best.

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Vice Mayor Fosi:

- December 7th, the Riverbank Historical Society will be having an event at Red Robin where they'll donate 20% of all services to Riverbank Historical. You'll just need to mention Riverbank Historical when you go in there. We appreciate you going and having a big family meal.
- No meetings for December for the Riverbank Historical Society or the Riverbank Women's Group.
- On December 6, the Riverbank Women's Group and Soroptimists Group, will be having a holiday lunch at the Community Center December 6, 2025 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you'd like to purchase tickets or want to do a table, please contact me.
- I just want to say happy Thanksgiving to everybody. I hope you have safe travels and be safe when you're out there traveling. There's going to be a lot of people on the road. So, have a great Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Uribe:

- *Thank you, Marisela, for sharing the information on the City Flag submission. So, my comment is going to be short as well.*
- *Happy Thanksgiving to everybody. Black Friday, I know the deals are going to be out there. Everyone's going to be shopping at all the big stores, but don't forget to shop local. Support those mom and pops here locally all that gets reinvested into our community. So, support try to do both if you can. So happy holidays.*

Councilmember Pimentel:

- *On the 20th Community Praise Tabernacle, along with the assistance from Love Riverbank hosted a Community dinner. They fed almost 400 people. It was a great turnout. I want to thank the Mayor and Councilmember Uribe, for showing up and supporting. It was a great chance for the community to come together and just to have a nice hot meal. So, it was a good turnout.*
- *Also, on December 6th, Community Closet will be at St. Frances of Rome Church. If you have donations, you can drop them off or reach out to me or if you would like to be a part of helping them, reach out to Mary Lou at St. Frances of Rome Church.*
- *I also want to say the roads are very busy, so stay safe and everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.*

Councilmember Call:

- *A couple weeks ago, I attended the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance, where I was able to share our day use facility shower statistics, so I just wanted to share those for the month of October. In October, we provided 269 showers and 235 meals to those in need. Then I also wanted to let you all know that Donny is leaving for those who may or may not know. So, Sierra House is seeking another Program Manager.*
- *During the Homeless Alliance meeting, we discussed attainable housing, which is a little bit different than affordable housing. It's actually a lot bit different, but it is more for those who have really amazing jobs they just can't afford a house because housing is so expensive. So, it's hitting that \$200 to \$350,000 home mark. So, there's a new project going in in Patterson. So, I'm hoping to share that information with both Josh and Marisela to see how we could possibly visit that in our city.*
- *I went to the Office of Emergency Services, Stanislaus County Disaster Council, where they reviewed a West Side evacuation plan for those unfamiliar with that area, that is the Diablo Grande area, who had the wildfires recently. There really is only one way in and one way out. There is another road that goes into Santa Clara County, but it is really challenging for those when there is an emergency. So, we are able to review that plan.*
- *And then just a reminder that respiratory virus season is upon us. So, if you are sick, please stay home. Please do not kill children that are not yours.*
- *I also did my Future in Focus tours at Aemetis where Assemblyman Juan Alanis's office and five other constituents were there. It is absolutely incredible*

when you tour that Industrial Complex, because the first time you are just overwhelmed because of the rich history within that complex, as well as all of the sustainable manufacturing there. The second time you go things start sounding a little more familiar and you are like, okay, I remember that. But the third time, once you really get to see and hear, you're starting to really grasp the things that are happening there and the plans that Aemetis has for that property. So, if you haven't toured the facility, I encourage you to reach out to one of your Councilmembers to get a tour of the facility to hear about not only the rich history, but to see the sustainable manufacturing happening there. There's an incredible amount of flat screen TVs coming into that facility and with machines and whatever else they are using, they're able to separate the circuit boards from the plastic, from the glass and really filter it out and then melt those items eventually. They are working on, that's the next phase of their project. So really cool. I encourage it.

- At Comedy for a Cause we were able to raise over \$2,600 for Riverbank Police Services Shop with a Cop program. So, I wanted to thank Councilmember Uribe, Councilmember Pimentel, and Sister Cities many of my constituents showed up. Michael Christie and Stanislaus Latino Chamber, they actually came they roll deep they had 20 people there to support the cause so that was really exciting.*
- And then lastly, it's getting cold bring your pets inside or give them somewhere warm to sleep outside. And then for those who are seeking a warming center, our Community Center at 3600 Santa Fe Street is a warming center during the senior event time that's Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. So, I encourage you, if your heaters aren't working to go to the Community Center, warm up a little bit and then bear the cold a little bit.*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor Hernandez:

- One last shout out for the night to our Veterans and American Veterans First for a successful open house and ribbon cutting and then a subsequent resource fair. I know all of us are committed to the ongoing support for American Veterans First, and this statistic that we're throwing out that that Riverbank houses the highest per capita veterans in the County. And so that's something that we're looking to continue to support.*
- The Youth Council is continuing to meet and I would say they are figuring it out. They are figuring out how to communicate with each other, how to communicate with staff, and how to work best together. So, it's a work in progress. But I'm really proud of the work that they are doing.*
- StanCOG, we have the Interim Executive Director that is subtly now in probably week two, but is doing great work and assessing gaps and helping build the morale back with the staff there.*

- *I am on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club, and we recently had a Strategic Planning meeting and hoping to bring their services and a few of us have had conversations to Riverbank*
- *On my Meet the Mayor, if you didn't see me I was dressed up as a character from a popular Netflix movie, and I had a woman approach me on Halloween, interested in doing a girls' basketball pilot program to train the girls here in Riverbank to allow them to be more competitive and to get some expert knowledge in the sport? And, I mean, we turned it around in maybe a week. And yesterday 40 girls attended the pilot program, and today 50 girls attended the pilot program. All middle school ages. They are super excited to continue this program. So, we're going to be doing a little bit of a presentation with the school board to kind of pitch them the idea of supporting the program on an ongoing basis.*
- *Finally, I want to say, in the spirit of the holiday, I'm thankful for this Council and how everyone has stepped up in their passion projects in the community, because it's amazing to see all the effort in the community. I am thankful for the Staff and I'm thankful for all the Residents and though we have differing opinions, I think that's what makes this really robust and more fulfilling to do so I appreciate you all.*

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 LEGAL COUNSEL– ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(d))
Number of Potential Cases:1

Item 13.2 **LIABILITY CLAIMS**
(Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54961)
Claimant: Anthony Campos Martinez, A Minor,
by and through Alma Campos
Agency Claimed Against: City of Riverbank

Item 13.3 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS**
(Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Property: 3300 Atchison Rd. (APN: 132-009-069)
Agency Negotiator: Marisela H. Garcia, City Manager
Property Negotiator: Del Rio City Center, LLC.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment, or both

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

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

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 14.1 **Report from Item 13.1**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL– ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d))
Number of Potential Cases:1

DIRECTION: *Direction was provided to staff.*

Item 14.2 **Report from Item 13.2**
LIABILITY CLAIMS
(Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54961)
Claimant: Anthony Campos Martinez, A Minor,
By and through Alma Campos
Agency Claimed Against: City of Riverbank

DIRECTION: *Direction was provided to staff.*

Item 14.3 **Report from Closed Session Item 13.3**
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
(Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Property: 3300 Atchison Rd. (APN: 132-009-069)
Agency Negotiator: Marisela H. Garcia, City Manager
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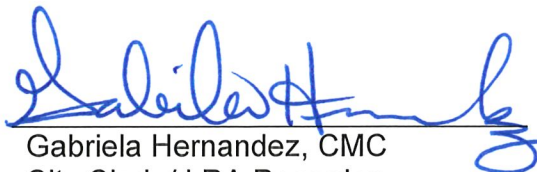
DIRECTION: *Direction was provided to staff*

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

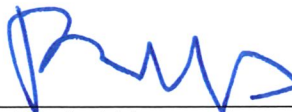
There being no further business, Mayor / Chair Hernandez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:21 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of December 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 12/09/2025)

APPROVED:



Gabriela Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk / LRA Recorder



Rachel Hernandez
Mayor/ Chair