

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

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District 1 -Luis Uribe
District 2- Rachel Hernandez
District 3- Leanne Jones Cruz
District 4 -Darlene Barber-Martinez



CITY OF RIVERBANK

**Regular City Council and
Local Redevelopment Authority
Board Meetings**
Council Chambers, 6707 Third St
Suite B
Riverbank, CA 95367



MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 – 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 O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE** –Mayor / Chair O'Brien 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 2 Rachel Hernandez
Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Darlene Barber-Martinez
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair District 3 Leanne Jones Cruz
Mayor / Chair Richard D. O'Brien

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 **Presentation – Development Services Administration-** It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Kathleen Cleek, Development Services Administration Manager.

Development Services Manager Cleek gave a PowerPoint presentation on the projects and structure of the Development Services Department.

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 O'Brien Opened Public Comment at 6:09P.M.

*Vicky Holt, Riverbank Library Branch Manager commented on some of the events being hosted at the Library. Story Time is back January till March, Tuesdays at 11:00am, alternate bilingual English and Spanish. Master Gardner class is going to be this Saturday at 2:00pm they will be teaching us about citrus trees, attend the class for tips on the best time to plant and prune and how to manage pests. On January 23rd at 3:30pm teens and tweens are invited to come to the library and learn Kumihimo, Japanese braiding. They will be making key chains out of yarn; the craft is geared towards 9 and up. Monthly book club, and this month we're meeting on the 30th of January at 4:00ppm and we are discussing the book *The Little Paris Book Shop* by Nina George, we always have extra copies at the library, if anyone needs one. We encourage all to sign up for these events on our website at stanislauslibrary.org or call the library at (209) 869-7008 to get on the list. All these programs are free to the public and its due to our eighth of a cent dedicated sales tax.*

Bertha Reyes, Riverbank Historical Society read and provided a letter (as attached) to be distributed to the City council to formerly invite everyone to some of their upcoming events.

Bianca Lopes, Riverbank Resident and Co-Founder and Project Director of Valley Improvement Project, a local non-profit organization here and in the Northern San Joaquin Valley, we work on social and environmental justice issues. Today I'm here to share a serious concern that community members have brought to our attention has also been publicized on social media, and I have shared with some of the council members with some concerns. I'll start with that concern on December 15th deputies here in Riverbank addressed a situation where an individual was stopped for reckless driving. During the process of the arrest of the individual deputy Fidalgo brutalized, beat, punched, and chokehold the individual that was being arrested without necessity. From what we see on the film or the video that is circulating on social media. It is very obvious that there are 2 other deputies who have his, the gentleman's hands behind his back. And the officer deputy Fidalgo comes around the vehicle from the other side comes around the back of the vehicle to where the individual was, punched him, and then put him in a headlock. It is not very clear in the video, nor is it clear in the video that Chief was great, so grateful to show us. It was not very clear that that was necessary, excessive use of force. and so many community members on the Riverbank Facebook, Riverbank police Facebook, social media posts have expressed serious concerns. We don't want the city to allow police officers to use excessive force unnecessary excessive force like they did in this

case with Mr. Martinez on December 15., Deputy Fidalgo, should be held accountable for his actions, and then we also ask the city council to review the video yourselves, and to ask questions and to ensure that the public can get a report and we'd like to see the video come out and being released, the body cam of the officer, so that people can clearly or see from a different angle and perspective. So, the video that is circulating from the 209 times shows one perspective of people who witness the event and then the chief has access to the body camera, and which can show and highlight very similar things, in my opinion of what actually happened. So those are our asks that the video become released to the public, and that officer or Deputy Fidalgo be held accountable for his actions. The use of excessive force in that situation, we feel is unnecessary, and should be addressed and then, lastly, I know my time is up. But I want to invite you to an event that's coming up on January 27th. We're hosting a film screening about our documentary and short film about our work to shut down the local incinerator Stanislaus Covanta is going to be the only standing waste incinerator in the state. The other one is in Long Beach, and it's shutting down on the 31st. But this video is going to highlight our work to go to move towards zero waste. And I heard the presentation earlier from your staff, which you didn't invite the community members to ask questions. But we'd like to support the city and your efforts to ensure that people are using their bins correctly. But mostly we want you to support our zero-waste plan. We will be presenting the zero-waste plan at this film screening, and we will also have a panel discussion on false solutions and just transitions as we move away from dirty practices like waste incineration to more sustainable practices like zero waste.

Rich Holmer, Riverbank Historical Society commented on a couple of things one about the mural couple of reasons we selected that the del Rio sign has been sort of a welcome to Riverbank for many yeas from 1947 to 2023. But, not only was it a theater for a while, it was a place called Chasers and if you Google "no dancing in Riverbank" there are still articles on Google today from Orlando, LA Times that talk about the no dancing, get information or things that occurred during that time also was a beagle parlor, a black box theater for a while then finally no longer. So, that was the reason for the mural. We hope you join us that day to celebrate the mural and just a regular celebration. Also, we still have plans for a 3,500 square foot building right next to the current museum. We have no storage. We not only will this be a museum too. It's also going to feature a cultural arts area, an area for children, and also, one thing that's important to any museum is a revolving exhibit. People come into a museum, they see the things they look once they may come back again with their children or not, but we want people to continue to come back to this museum, and if we have revolving exhibits, that is one definite thing that will get people back again over and over. Your assistance in doing this would really be helpful right now. Our model T fire truck is was out in the rain for a while. Now, it's out at the Aemetis army ammunition depot and so we'd like a permanent home for it. So, anything the city could do to help that we certainly would appreciate.

Steve Bordona, Riverbank Historical Society incoming president as Rich mentioned, thank you for all the support. I think it's the third time I've appeared at a podium here. The first was in 1975 had gotten a traffic ticket, and Judge A's found me guilty. I paid. The second time I was here. We did Olive Grove estates over there by Rio Altura, and it was shot down by the planning commission. It's the purest form of Socialism in this country,

and the Council approved it unanimously the following week. So, I'm thankful third time here. I'm here to just help you recognize that you know, we live in the present. Right? Okay, we can't really predict the future. But we can really showcase our history. And I want to recognize, The Historical Society's been a big part of that here in town. We really need more members. I think Darlene Barber- Martinez is the only person I know that I can recognize other than the 3 individuals who came with me. We just want you to kind of talk it up. You know, nothing's better than you know history of community to develop it, to recognize it. Mr. Hallinan's father was here many years. My dad came here and had numerous names for some of the police chiefs and other types of things. But our family's been here since 1931, and I really want the community to remember there's other families as well, and to report, Leanne could speak to that as well. That was actually, I think your great grandmother's property there on Estelle. So again, thank you, we appreciate that anything you can do to support us in addition to that, and if you have any great ideas for historical events you would like to see, or opportunities and activities, we'd appreciate your input thank you very much.

There being no further public comments, Mayor O'Brien closed the Public Comment period 6:24 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 December 12, 2023 and December 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

Item 9.3 **Resolution 2024-001** Declaring Certain Property Surplus as Listed in Exhibit A and Authorizing Its Disposition.

Item 9.4 **Second Reading by Title Only** of a Proposed **Ordinance 2024-001** Amending Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 71: Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 71.07 Prohibited and Limited Parking, Subsection (A), of the Riverbank Municipal Code, by Repealing this Section in its Entirety and Substituting it with New Section 71.07 Prohibited and Limited Parking, Subsection (A) of the Riverbank Municipal Code.

There being no public comments, Mayor O'Brien brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Jones Cruz / Uribe 5/0) to approve the **consent calendar** as presented.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Hernandez, Jones Cruz, Barber-Martinez, and Mayor O'Brien*

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Notice for Item 10.1 was published on 12/27/2023 in the Riverbank News.

Item 10.1 **First Reading by Title Only and Introduction of an Ordinance, Amending Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: City Council, Section 30.02: Compensation, of the City of Riverbank Municipal Code-** It is recommended that the City Council consider the introduction for first reading of Ordinance 2024-XXX amending Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: City Council, Section 30.02: Compensation of the Riverbank Municipal Code which would authorize the increase in City Council Compensation in compliance with the implementation of SB 329.

City Manager Garcia gave a comprehensive staff report and Power Point presentation on the First Reading by Title Only and Introduction of an Ordinance, Amending Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: City Council, Section 30.02: Compensation, of the City of Riverbank Municipal Code, amending Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: City Council, Section 30.02: Compensation of the Riverbank Municipal Code which would authorize the increase in City Council Compensation in compliance with the implementation of SB 329

City Council discussed item with City Staff.

Mayor O'Brien opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 P.M.

Randy Richardson, Riverbank Resident commented, I am very embarrassed, I haven't been here that long. But, I just think this is long overdue. And just being here on Tuesdays and watching you guys serve. It says that needs to be done. I would even vote for back pay as well.

Mayor O'Brien Closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 P.M

There being no public comments, Mayor O'Brien brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Jones Cruz 5/0) to approve the First Reading by Title Only and Introduction of an Ordinance, Amending Title III: Administration, Chapter 30: City Council, Section 30.02: Compensation, of the City of Riverbank Municipal Code.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Hernandez, Jones Cruz, Barber-Martinez, and Mayor O'Brien
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item 11.1 **Nomination and Appointment of the Vice Mayor to Serve for the Year 2024** - It is recommended that the Mayor nominate a Councilmember to serve as Vice Mayor for the year 2024, and by roll call vote, City Council approve the Appointment for a one-year term.

Mayor O'Brien recommended the appointment of Councilmember District 3 Leanne Jones Cruz as Vice Mayor for the 2024 year.

There being no public comments, Mayor O'Brien brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Hernandez 5/0) to approve as Councilmember District 3 Leanne Jones Cruz as Vice Mayor for the 2024 year.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Hernandez, Jones Cruz, Barber-Martinez, Mayor O'Brien
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

Item 11.2 **Annual Consideration of City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Boards and Committees and Appointments to Internal City Committees for the Year 2024** - It is recommended that City Council: 1) Review the appointment lists; and 2) Volunteer or nominate a member of the Council to serve as the representative; and 3) By roll call vote, ratify the appointments for the year 2024.

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation on the consideration to approve the appointments for intergovernmental Board and internal committees.

City Council discussed recommendations and appointments.

There being no public comments, Mayor O'Brien brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Barber-Martinez 5/0) to approve the list of Intergovernmental Boards and Committees and Appointments to Internal City Committees for the 2024 year. (As Attached)*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Hernandez, Jones Cruz, Barber-Martinez, Mayor O'Brien
NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None*

Item 11.3 **Adjustments to the 2024 City Council Meeting Schedule**-It is recommended that the City Council by roll call vote cancel the meetings of July 9th, August 13th, November 26th and December 24th, for a modified summer schedule and to minimize conflicts with Holiday Activities

City Clerk Hernandez gave a comprehensive staff report on the proposed adjustments to the 2024 City Council meeting schedule.

City Council discussed item with staff

Bianca Lopez, Riverbank Resident commented on the possibility of changing the date or time of City Council meeting as they collide with the Board meeting for the Riverbank Unified School District. Riverbank Unified School District meetings are also on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. And so, as an organization who works to engage community members and participate in spaces like these, where decisions are being made, we have a hard time when really important meetings are happening at the same time in the same city. And so that shows miscommunication or misalignment somewhere. I would also just ask that you consider communicating with the Riverbank Unified School District to maybe change some type of meeting either them or you. But, it does become a difficult challenge to pick. Like, I wanted to be at the Riverbank Unified School District meeting, but I also wanted to be here, and so I had to pick and choose.

There being no public comments, Mayor O'Brien brought the item back to City Council.

ACTION: By motion moved and seconded (Jones Cruz / Uribe 5/0) to approve the adjustments to the 2024 city council meeting schedule.

Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote:
AYES: Uribe, Hernandez, Jones Cruz, Barber-Martinez, Mayor O'Brien
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 reported on the following:

- City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Councilmember Hernandez reported on the following:

- I've been pretty heavily involved with Cal Cities I'm serving as vice chair for Community Services Policy Committee statewide, and that involves mental health support services, housing, and other aging and other services. So, it's pretty exciting to be able to lead a policy committee of about 50 to 60 council members and mayors from across the State
- I mentioned briefly that we had a transition and leadership for a Central Valley division. A council member in Modesto is currently serving as President, and

because of my involvement past years, I'm able to support with some of the historical context for that. I'm excited to continue on the Executive Committee for that as well.

Councilmember Uribe reported on the following:

- Thank you, Mayor. So, in discussing those committees that we just kind of voted on. I'd like to invite the community to the next sister city committee meeting. It's going to be this Friday, 6 pm, we're going to hold that at Pizza Plus we're also looking to grow membership kind of build momentum for 2024. One of the goals I'd like to see is kind of discuss the needs in Riverbank, you know, and present that to the city the Mayor of Tamazula. he's been. We've been chatting back and forth discussing their needs, and I'd like to present him with a list of kind of the needs that we're so I'll join by council member Hernandez there. if you guys know anybody that's interested in the county nearby, anywhere, we're just looking to grow some membership. Have a discussion go from there. if you're interested, 6 pm. Friday.*

Councilmember Barber-Martinez reported on the following:

- Social Media 101 for Small Business I'm going to be present on Thursday, this week, January 11th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, it will be here in the Council Chambers, it is sponsored by the Riverbank Chamber of Commerce and a few other organizations. We prefer that you do sign up for it, but it is free of course and you will get to learn a lot about social media. How to promote your business and expect there will be a lot of good information, that well all learn about.*
- Attended the first Policy Committee meeting of the Public Safety Committee, we will be looking at some the crimes that are happening all over the State of California, probably all over the US, the number one is retail theft an also fentanyl.*
- Stanislaus County Office of Education is having a homeless conference, that will be on February 9th, 2024, you do have to sign up for that. It is provided by the Prevention After School Program and you can go online at Stanislaus County office of education to sign up.*
- Central Valley Community Resource is having the Crab Feed on February 10th at the Riverbank Community Center. This does support a good program which is transitional housing placement program for at risk young adults ages 18 to 21.*

Vice Mayor Jones Cruz reported on the following:

- Thank you for the nomination and appointment. I look forward to serving as your next Vice Mayor.*
- Want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!*

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor O'Brien reported on the following:

- The Financial forecast that we've been working on, we have to get on this.*
- Strategic Planning, we do need to have that. And I know you are working on that.*

- *I would just like to comment tag team with what was expressed on the retail theft. The combined task force from other cities as well as Riverbank has done a tremendous job in 14 retail organize theft have a tremendous that have made a lot of arrest and retrieving tremendous amount of goods and monies and guns. So, I want to congratulate you on that, and that was a very successful holiday season, and it was very safe here.*
- *I look forward to a lot of other additions to our Staff, for example PIO.*
- *Want to wish everyone a happy and safe 2024!*

13. CLOSED SESSION

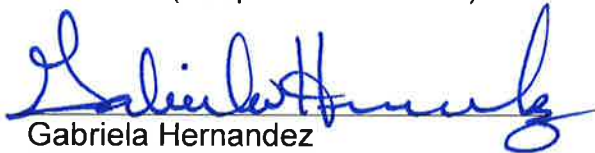
The public will have a limit of **3 minutes** to comment on Closed Session item(s) as set forth on the agenda prior to the City Council/LRA Board recessing to Closed Session.

No Items Scheduled.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair O'Brien adjourned the regular meeting at 6:56 P.M. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of January 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: (Adopted 01/23/2024)



Gabriela Hernandez
City Clerk / LRA Recorder

APPROVED:



Richard D. O'Brien
Mayor/ Chair

2024 List of Appointments

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BOARD / COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (2024 - Appointments)
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES</u> <u>CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Meets: Quarterly, TBD when scheduled Location: It rotates among the Northern and Southern central valley cities, TBD. (Annual breakfast meeting of the year takes place at the League's Annual Conference in September)</p> <p>The Central Valley Division (CVD) is led by an executive committee made up of local government officials who provide overall guidance and direction for CVD activities. These activities provide a variety of avenues for individuals to take the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy.</p>	<p>Councilmember Rachel Hernandez (Primary)</p> <p>Councilmember Luis Uribe (Alternate)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> <u>Special City Selection Committee</u></p> <p>Meets: At least once annually and as needed Location: Northern Region Office, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto</p> <p>This Committee's purpose is to appoint (5) Council Members to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Governing Board.</p>	<p>Councilmember Darlene Barber-Martinez (Primary)</p> <p>Councilmember Luis Uribe (Alternate)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>STANCOG – POLICY BOARD</u></p> <p>Meets: The 3rd Wednesday of each month; 6:pm Location: 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto</p> <p>To work together with local cities to enhance communication, cooperation and comprehensive planning in dealing with regional issues.</p>	<p>Mayor Richard D. O'Brien (Primary)</p> <p>Vice Mayor Leanne Jones Cruz (Alternate)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE BOARD</u> <u>(RESOLUTION NO. 2019-032)</u></p> <p>Meets: 1st Wednesday of Each Month at 5:30 pm Location: Tenth Street Place, Board Chambers, 1010 10th Street (Basement), Modesto</p> <p>The Alliance Is A Collaborative Board Formed to Align Homeless Service, Planning, And Funding Among Stakeholders in Stanislaus County. The Board Consists of Several Community Leaders of Governmental and Nongovernmental Entities. A Primary Voting Member Is Appointed by The City Council Annually.</p>	<p>Councilmember Darlene Barber-Martinez (primary)</p> <p>City Manager (per bylaws serves as the Alternate)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>STANISLAUS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES</u> <u>DISASTER COUNCIL</u></p> <p><u>Meets:</u> Once a year or as necessary (tentative April 13th) <u>Location</u> Harvest Hall Cornucopia Way, Modesto</p> <p>To make recommendations to local governing agencies on matters pertinent to development of mitigation, disaster preparedness, response & recovery plans, and programs for any potential local emergency.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Rachel Hernandez (Alternate)</p> <p>(*Note: The appointed Councilmember serves a 2-year term; ending 12/2024.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>(NEW) "INTEREST GROUP MEMBER" OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD</u> (formerly the Stanislaus Business Alliance Board that ended 6/2016)</p> <p><u>Meets:</u> The 1st Monday of the 1st month of every quarter January 8th, April 8th, July 8th, October 7th</p> <p><u>Location:</u> 251 E. Hackett Road, Modesto.</p> <p>The WDB is a business led public body whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to oversee activities funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The WDB is responsible for shaping and strengthening local and regional workforce development efforts to support small, medium and large business job growth by providing services such as job search assistance, resume development, career counseling, and job placement assistance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Darlene Barber-Martinez (Primary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice Mayor Leanne Jones Cruz (Alternate)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lower Stanislaus River Trail Improvement Plan Committee</u> (Resolution No. 2013-069)</p> <p><u>Meets:</u> TBD <u>Location:</u> TBD</p> <p>Representatives of the Cities of Riverbank, Oakdale, and Ripon and the Local Government Commission and the National Park Service will be working together to enhance public use and stewardship of the lower Stanislaus River.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vice Mayor Leanne Jones Cruz (Primary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Darlene Barber-Martinez (Alternate)</p>

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<p><u>BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)</u></p> <p><u>Meets:</u> As needed <u>Location:</u> City Hall Council Chambers or City Hall South Conference Room</p> <p>This (7) resident member advisory committee, including (1) non-voting Council representative and a Council alternate, reviews and discusses the City's operating budget and makes recommendations on projects, programs, and policies to the City Council.</p>	<p>Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary)</p> <p>Councilmember Rachel Hernandez (Alternate)</p> <p>(Note: This committee has been inactive for the past five (5) years.)</p>
<p><u>FRIENDS OF JACOB MYERS PARK (JMP)</u> (A non-profit organization)</p> <p><u>Meets:</u> On a monthly basis <u>Location:</u> City Hall Council Chambers</p> <p>Works on projects, park planning, and fundraising events.</p>	<p>Councilmember Rachel Hernandez (Primary)</p> <p>Vice Mayor Leanne Jones Cruz (Alternate)</p>
<p><u>SISTER CITY</u></p> <p><u>Meets:</u> As needed <u>Location:</u> TBD based on availability</p>	<p>Councilmember Luis Uribe (Primary)</p> <p>Councilmember Rachel Hernandez (Primary)</p>



Riverbank Historical Society and Museum

A 501(c)3 non-Profit Organization

3237 Santa Fe Street in Downtown Riverbank CA 95367

209 • 869 • 7161 (Museum Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to Noon | Saturday 10-2 p.m.)

January 9, 2024

Dear Mayor and members of the Council,

On behalf of the Riverbank Historical Society Board of Directors, I would like to formally thank the Riverbank City Council for your generosity in providing the museum with a new handicap accessible ramp entrance. The new ramp will give guests with physical disabilities a chance to feel welcomed and accommodated in our museum. This has been something the museum has been in need of for many years and has been an expression of concern by visitors.

In addition, we would like to take the opportunity to invite you all to our 2024 Installation of Officers Dinner on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Perko's Café in Riverbank (2120 Patterson Rd.). During this event, we will be inducting our new officers, including several members in new positions; President, Steve Bordona, Vice President, Jamie Vickers, Secretary, Bertha Reyes, and Treasurer, Cindy Fosi.

As we look ahead to 2024, we plan to focus on a number of events in an effort to raise funds for the museum and to draw in new membership.

The first of those events will take place on February 3, 2024, with an exciting "unveiling" event to celebrate Riverbank's newest mural of the Del Rio building. This two-story, full color mural was commissioned by the Riverbank Historical Society and painted on the back side of the Bordona Bank building at Third & Santa Fe streets, by artist Alexandria Riddle, who has painted a number of other murals in town. That event will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. in front of the mural and include music, classic cars, food, a Galaxy Theater opportunity drawing, and the chance to purchase signed and numbered prints of the original artist rendering of the mural with a meet and greet of the artist on-site.

Additionally, in 2023, the Historical Society brought back the annual After Mother's Day Omelet Breakfast, which it co-hosted with the Riverbank Federated Women's Club, and plans are already underway for this year's breakfast in May.

Again, we thank you for your continued support in our mission to preserve and protect the history of the city of Riverbank.

Sincerely,

Kristin Platts
President