

CITY COUNCIL / LRA BOARD

Mayor/Chair
Richard D. O'Brien
Vice Mayor/Chair (CM-D1) Luis Uribe
Council/Authority Members:
District 2 Rachel Hernandez
District 3 Cal Campbell
District 4 Darlene Barber-Martinez



City of Riverbank
Regular City Council and
Local Redevelopment Authority
Board Hybrid Meetings
(In-Person: Face Covering Required)
(Virtual via ZOOM)
Council Chambers, 6707 Third St., Suite B
Riverbank, CA 95367



MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 – 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 Richard D. O'Brien called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE** - Mayor / Chair Richard O'Brien led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

Members of the City Council / Authority Member present in the Chamber:

Council Member / Authority Member District 2 Rachel Hernandez
Council Member / Authority Member District 3 Cal Campbell
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair (CM-D1) Luis Uribe
Mayor / Chair Richard D. O'Brien

Members of the City Council / Authority Member present via ZOOM:

Council Member / Authority Member District 4 Darlene Barber-Martinez

4. **INVOCATION** – Reverend Charles Neal provided the invocation.
5. **AGENDA CHANGES** – There were no changes to the agenda.

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.

No conflicts were declared.

7. **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.

Charles Neal stated his request that the City Council get involved in a solution to resolve the traffic issues related to Rio Altura School.

Dan Whetstone spoke in opposition of the River Walk project stating concern for the loss of farmland.

Fred Walton spoke in opposition of the River Walk project recommending a different proposal of ranchettes or a relocation of this type of development to a different location.

Mayor O'Brien came to the podium stating he wished to make a public comment commending Brian Scully, City Manager for the City of Riverbank since 2016. Mayor O'Brien cited Mr. Scully's attributes and accomplishments during his stewardship of the city. In conclusion, Mayor O'Brien presented City Manager Scully with a Certificate of Appreciation.

City Manager Sean Scully accepted the Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor O'Brien expressing his gratitude to the City Council, staff and the community for the opportunity to serve and be a part of the Riverbank team.

Councilmember Barber-Martinez wished City Manager Scully the best in this next chapter and thanked him for his service.

Vice Mayor Uribe stated his appreciation for City Manager Scully's open-door policy not only to City Council and staff but also the public.

Councilmember Campbell thanked Mr. Scully for his great communication with the City Council noting that Riverbank has come a long way since Mr. Scully's tenure.

Charles O'Neal stated his appreciation for Mr. Scully's responsiveness as City Manager to the citizens of Riverbank, stating that Mr. Scully has been an outstanding City Manager for Riverbank.

8. PRESENTATIONS (Informational only)

Item 8.1 **StanCOG Presentation – Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy – Council to receive an update and report from the Stanislaus Council of Governments on the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.**

StanCOG Planner, Israel Ojeda provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation update on the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. Following the presentation, Planner Ojeda responded to questions posed by the City Council.

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 following Minutes:

9.2A The September 14, 2021, City Council and Local Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes.

9.2B The October 26, 2021, City Council and Local Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes.

9.2C The November 3, 2021, Special City Council Minutes.

9.2D The November 9, 2021, City Council and Local Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes.

9.2E The December 7, 2021, Special City Council Minutes.

9.2F The December 14, 2021, City Council and Local Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Campbell / Uribe / passed 5-0) to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.2 as presented.*

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

AYES: Barber-Martinez, Campbell, Hernandez, Uribe, and Mayor/Chair O'Brien.

NAYS: None / ABSENT: None / ABSTAINED: None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 10.1 Riverbank Energy Efficiency Project - Direction on Funding Strategy and Final Project Scope with SitelogIQ – It is recommended that the City Council provide direction on the final project scope of the energy efficiency project as well as provide direction on the desired funding strategy for the project.

City Manager Scully, before turning the meeting over to Jessica Ritter with SitelogIQ, presented the staff report recommending the City Council provide direction on the final project, scope of the energy efficiency project as well as provide direction on the desired funding strategy for the project.

Jessica Ritter with SitelogIQ introduced and turned the meeting over to Dr. Eddie Jordan, Manager of Project Development for SitelogIQ to review the project construction schedule.

Dr. Eddie Jordan, Manager of Project Development for SitelogIQ reviewed the project construction schedule with the City Council.

City Manager Scully, at the request of the City Council reviewed the options before the City Council.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (Uribe / Hernandez / passed 5-0) to approve Project Option 1 and Financing Option 2.*

*Motion carried by unanimous City Council and LRA Board roll call vote.
AYES: Barber-Martinez, Campbell, Hernandez, Uribe, and Mayor/Chair
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 2022 – It is recommended that the Mayor consider the rotation and nomination of a Vice Mayor to serve for the year 2022 by confirmation of the City Council.

Mayor O'Brien introduced the item and nominated Councilmember Campbell to serve as Vice Mayor for the year 2022 and asked the City Council to approve the appointment for a one-year term by roll call vote.

Councilmember Campbell accepted the nomination.

ACTION: *By motion moved and seconded (O'Brien / Uribe / passed 5-0) to approve the appointment of Cal Campbell to serve for the year 2022. Motion carried by unanimous City Council roll call vote.
AYES: Barber-Martinez, Campbell, Hernandez, Uribe, and Mayor/Chair
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 Item

City Manager Scully stated it has been his pleasure working with City Clerk Aguilar, Senior Management Analyst Torres-Manriquez and the rest of the Riverbank staff who have been invaluable to him during his tenure as Riverbank's City Manager.

City Manager Scully stated in response to the communities' requests that the City obtain more COVID 19 rapid tests, the City will continue checking with the County for availability of additional tests. Once received and available the City will schedule another giveaway.

Item 12.2 Council/Authority Member

Vice Mayor Campbell stated his appreciation to the Mayor and City Council members for allowing him the opportunity to serve as the Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Hernandez thanked City Manager Scully for his service to the City Council and the community.

Councilmember Uribe reported on upcoming events and meetings including a Groundbreaking Ceremony at Kiwi's Custom Guns on January 13 at 11:30 a.m.; League of California Subcommittee meetings including the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on January 13 as well as Stanislaus' first 2030 Elected Officials webinar scheduled for January 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Councilmember Barber-Martinez reported the Riverbank Chamber of Commerce has new leadership that are currently planning on a Business Expo on February 24, and Stanislaus Home Alliance has a meeting as well this week. Councilmember Barber-Martinez thanked Stanislaus County as well as the Community Service Resource Deputy Zang for all of their service to our homeless population and wished the residents of Riverbank a Happy New Year and all the best to City Manager Scully in his future endeavors.

Councilmember Barber-Martinez in recognition of Martin Luther King Day on January 17, 2022 shared the following quote from Dr. King

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Item 12.3 Mayor/Chair

Mayor O'Brien requested that the City Manager schedule Operation Stanislaus at the LRA again and that it be coordinated with Aemetis, Inc., Circulus and Riverbank Organic in order to showcase these sustainable businesses at the Riverbank Industrial Complex.

Mayor O'Brien requested an update on the tax sharing agreement with Stanislaus County. City Manager Scully responded he does not have an update but will provide a written update report before his departure for distribution to the City Council.

City Manager Scully stated he was advised by City Clerk Aguilar that Assistant City Manager Garcia raised her hand during staff comments.

Mayor O'Brien welcomed Assistant City Manager Garcia asking for her comments.

Assistant City Manager Garcia stated on behalf of Riverbank staff she wished to thank City Manager Scully for his leadership, mentorship and most importantly his friendship. She stated she would also like to thank him for elevating the professionalism amongst staff putting together a team that the City Council can be proud of.

Mayor O'Brien asked when he could expect the year-end report. City Manager Scully responded it is forthcoming to the City Council.

13. CLOSED SESSION

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

Item 13.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6)
Agency representative: Interim City Manager Marisela Garcia
Employee organizations: Riverbank Miscellaneous Employees Riverbank
Mid-Management Bargaining Unit

Mayor O'Brien advised that the City Council would not be going into closed session. Interim City Manager Garcia confirmed staff does not have any updates at this time for the City Council, however, staff expects to have a closed session update at the February 8, City Council meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor / Chair O'Brien adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. to the next regular scheduled City Council / LRA Meeting of January 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/Kathy L. Teixeira
Kathy L. Teixeira
Interim City Clerk / LRA Recorder

/s/Richard D. O'Brien
Richard D. O'Brien
Mayor / Chair