The Richlands Town Council held a joint "Public Hearing" with the Planning Commission on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 5:45pm in the Richlands Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Rod. D. Cury Interim Town Manager: Ron Holt Interim Town Clerk: Amanda Beheler Town Office Manager: Susan Whitt

Council Members: Doug Ratliff, Gary Jackson, Rick Wood, Jordan Bales, Jan White, and Laura Mollo.

Town Attorney: Michael Thomas

Mayor Cury opened the meeting.

Mayor Cury advised the Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission is for the purpose of taking public comment regarding the proposed conditional use permit (a.k.a., "Special Exception Permit") request for Tax Map #105A907 0044-0059 for the proposed purpose of a mobile home park.

Mayor Cury asked Barry Alley, Chairman of the Planning Commission, to explain to the public more about the permit.

Alley advised it was an existing mobile home park with six mobile homes that either need to be removed, repaired or remodeled and gave a brief discussion on the property owner requesting to add two additional homes on an adjoining lot they purchased.

Mayor Cury advised the meeting was open to take public comment.

Roby Perry stated that he has lived at 1402 Farmers Street for thirty-eight years. Mr. Perry expressed his concerns that if the Council votes to approve adding two new mobile homes to the existing mobile home park, one would be located directly behind his home and would devalue his property.

Mayor Cury suggested that Mr. Perry and anyone else that wants to speak to the Town Attorney and Planning Commission stay after the Public Hearing, and with their permission, present to them the deeds and map that he brought with him.

Mayor Cury asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak.

Wanda Lowe who resides at 292 Plantation Drive asked the Council if the Town currently has an ordinance that prohibits any new mobile home parks within the Town limits.

Mayor Cury advised there was not.

Mr. Thomas advised Mrs. Lowe that before a new mobile home park can go into the Town of Richlands, they have to ask for a Conditional Use Permit.

Mrs. Lowe expressed to the Council that she is against enlarging any current mobile home park within Town limits or allowing any new ones. Mrs. Lowe said her opinion was based upon the condition of current mobile home parks in the Town.

Mayor Cury asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak.

Mayor Cury closed the Joint Public Hearing.

Rod D. Edry, Mayor

manda Beheler, Interim Town Clerk