

The Richlands Town Council held a Public Hearing in the Richlands Council Chambers on February 11, 2020 at 7:00pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Paul Crawford
Town Manager:	Tim Taylor
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Doug Ratliff, Rod Cury, Mary Ann Strong, Rick Wood
Council Members Absent:	Vickie England, Richard Brown
Town Attorney:	Shannon Cooke

Mayor Crawford – Called the meeting to order.

Mayor Crawford - "Introductory Comments of Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), CDBG Business District Revitalization Planning (BDR) Grant-overview of proposed project.

Tim – Town Council authorized the Town of Richlands to look at the opportunity to apply for a Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant with DHCD. Connie Allen, the Director of Community Development, has submitted the grant. As part of the grant process we have to hold two (2) public hearings. The first meeting of course is tonight, and we will receive public comments. In March we will have an aggressive community meeting with the downtown business owners or anybody else that may be interested. The ultimate goal if there is interest in the business community and landowners and they would like to see Phase II of our Downtown Revitalization. Phase I of the Downtown Revitalization project ended on the west side of Town. We are in hope to finish the business district with a Block Grant and some community investment if that is possible for the future. In order to get the \$700,000 or possibly \$1,000,000 to help with the business sector there has to be a planning grant applied for to show interest in that and get commitment from the community not only the governmental side of it but investment from the business side and the owners of the property. This is the purpose of the Public Hearing tonight. I will be available to answer questions.

Mayor Crawford - Any comments from the public? If no comments I will close public comments at this time.

Mayor Crawford - Do we have a motion to adjourn?

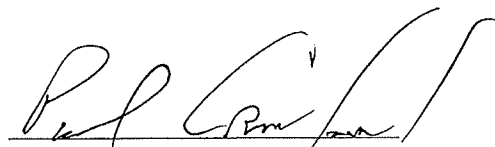
Mary Ann - I make a motion to adjourn, Rick seconded the motion.

Mayor Crawford - We have a motion and a second, all those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 4/0.

Meeting Adjourned



Connie Allen/Town Clerk



Paul Crawford, Mayor