

Issaqueena tract hearing is July 2

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CLEMSON — Residents affected by a proposed 179-acre digital tract, mixed-use planned development on Issaqueena Trail will have one final opportunity to speak their minds when a public hearing on the issue is formally held July 2.

On Monday night, Clemson City Council agreed to hold the hearing at 6 p.m. at City Hall — prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Clemson Planning Commission has already recommended approval of the plan, but a formal public hearing must take place before City Council can hold two readings for final action.

More than 60 Camelot residents attended an informal pub-

lic hearing in March, with many praising the design as “part of the visioning process” and making the community “resident-friendly.” But several voiced concerns, particularly regarding signage and lighting around the development.

The plan, originally announced in February, would feature single-family homes on small, medium and large lots, along with duplexes, condominiums, “Live/Work” and retail units. The various unit types would be interspersed throughout the city with the various lot sizes and different housing types attracting “a diverse group of potential residents ranging from young professionals to empty-nesters.”

The project, in which Torti Gallas and Partners, of Maryland,

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is handling the conceptual design and JMC Communities, the development process, features the principles of traditional neighborhood design.

Planning Director Sharon Richardson said the development's site plan remains virtually unchanged.

“They (planning commission) had the company do a traffic impact study with recommendations incorporated into the plan,” Richardson said.

The recommendations included shielding for lights affecting neighborhood homes in the Camelot area, address-

ing the development's close proximity to Memory Gardens and ensuring that design standards fulfill what has been proposed.

The project is expected to begin within the next year and take an estimated six years to complete.