

## LOCAL NEWS

# Clemson considers

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CLEMSON — The public will have a chance to speak out next month on rezoning of a 2.8-acre parcel of land a developer hopes to add to a shopping center planned on Freedom Drive.

Clemson City Council on Monday set the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on March 16 for the request to zone a parcel of land on Kelly Road that adjoins the shopping center parcel.

The city Planning Commission recently voted 3-2 to recommend that the request be denied.

Resident Lydia Scheifer, who was at the City Council meeting Monday, said she hopes the council will either uphold the planning commission's recommendation or that the developer will provide more information on plans for the property.

Her concerns include re-

moval of more trees that shield residents from a view of the proposed shopping center and protection of a wetlands on the property.

Developer Tom Hamilton wasn't at the meeting Monday to comment. The city recently approved rezoning of the main parcel of

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land on Freedom Drive for a shopping center that Hamilton has said will include a grocery and other businesses.

Also at the meeting, Raj Patel, who owns two Clemson motels, said during a public comment period that he is concerned that a traffic light the developer has

proposed on U.S. 123 at Freedom Drive could hurt his businesses by creating traffic backups and would create a safety concern.

The council took no action on any of the issues related to the planned shopping center Monday except to set the hearing date when the public will be able to comment.