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Georgetown Village Center rezoning approved

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City Council approved rezoning 24 acres in the Georgetown Village development near Shell Road and Sycamore Street to a planned unit development with senior housing as well as civic and commercial uses at its May 13 meeting.

The project, known as Georgetown Village Center, will be located at 1121 Shell Road, and plans include 120 senior-living units, 60 assisted-living beds and 36 memory-care beds, according to the developer. Site plans also include a 3-acre park.

"We wanted to create a mixed-use project that would fit in well with this community," said Steve Drener, a representative for the developer.

Several residents from the Georgetown Village neighborhood spoke at the meeting both in favor and against the development. Concerns, including the development's proposed height and traffic, were expressed.

"This is a really nice plan, but there are a number of us that feel it's just not the right place," Georgetown Village resident Archie Barrett said. "In our minds, a better use of this land would be additional single-family homes to build out our neighborhood."

Those in support of the development said it could add value to the neighborhood.

At the April 15 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, commissioners voted 3-3 on the rezoning. Commissioner Andy Webb recused himself from the dais. Though the application was not approved with the tied vote, it was allowed to go to City Council, according to City Council documents.

A second reading for the rezoning case could be held at the May 27 City Council meeting.

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