

**COUNCIL**

# City backs zoning for development

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**MANSFIELD** — The City Council supported rezoning Monday for what would be the largest development to come to Mansfield.

The 870-acre South Pointe project had changed since council members raised concerns about apartments, architectural standards and other issues at their Jan. 10 meeting.

Among the compromises, about 800 apartments were cut from the plans.

Still, the project is planned to have about 6,000 houses, apartments and town homes mixed with businesses, parks, schools and other public facilities.

Councilman Tracy Doyle cast the only vote against the project, saying he committed before he was elected that he would never vote to increase multifamily development in the city.

The council must vote twice more before South Pointe's necessary zoning

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changes are final.

Councilman Marvin Kahlden praised South Pointe as a unique architectural turn for Mansfield, as well as a major economic boost to the city.

Many officials say South Pointe will have a taxable value in excess of \$1 billion when it is completed, estimated at 10 years or more.

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Several residents who live near the site in south Mansfield spoke in favor, saying they hoped it would help bring utilities and other city services to their sparsely populated area.