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# Catellus project snarls council

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FREMONT — The public gained an idea Tuesday night of how massive and complex is Catellus Development Corp.'s plan to build 1,400 dwelling units and a golf course on industrial land west of Interstate 880.

In considering the proposed development agreement between the corporation and the city, the City Council spent nearly two hours on the first two questions about the project, both posed by Councilman John Dutra. More than 150 residents attended the meeting.

Before the session, Catellus officials expressed hope that on Tuesday, after a year and a half of negotiations and numerous public hearings, their project would finally be approved.

But as of 11 p.m., the council had dealt with only a few questions and appeared not to be close to voting on the project. Mayor Bill

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Ball said during a break that, if the hearing on the project dragged on to 1 a.m. today, he would call for continuation of discussion on Feb. 4. Ball will not attend a Jan. 28 council meeting.

The Catellus project, which would be located on about 600 acres south of Auto Mall Parkway (formerly Durham Road), calls for a 145-acre golf course, 1,400 houses, condominiums and apartments on 164 acres, 135.5 acres of industrial uses, a fire station on two acres, a school and park on 10 acres, a 16-acre park, 26 acres of wetlands and 20.5 acres of open space.

Another 10 acres would be set aside either for a golf driving range or for industrial uses, and another five acres would be left vacant to give Catellus the option of building a hotel on the land.

Under the development agreement debated Tuesday, Catellus has agreed to give the city \$8.6 million which it would start to pay after obtaining the first building permit for the project.

Dutra, however, argued that the company should pay the money up front to give Catellus officials an incentive to begin construction as soon as possible.