

McQueen-area residents not in favor of truck stop

Hearing to discuss matter set for Nov. 28

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Reno Councilman Dave Aiazzi said he wants the city to investigate whether it can ban new truck stops after hearing McQueen-area residents oppose the opening of a Flying J truck stop at the Robb Drive interchange on Interstate 80.

Residents John Condon and David McConatny said a truck stop at Robb Drive would be an eyesore at the entrance to

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the city.

"It would be an oily, dirty and absolute abomination," McConatny said.

Resident Kathleen Heller said a fuel spill at the Flying J site could leak into the Highland Ditch where it runs into the Chalk Bluff water treatment plant. Such a leak, she said, could close up to 85 percent of the city's water supply.

The council asked residents who live within the McQueen area to be notified of the Nov. 28 hearing on an ordinance to allow the Flying J project and moved the hearing to 6 p.m. so more people can attend.

The council on Wednesday delayed an initial vote on the ordinance after its planning staff said it needed to more research. The ordinance would allow a truck stop in an arterial commercial zone, including mixed uses, with a special-use permit.

Under the ordinance, Flying J Inc. must have its 50 acres, purchased five years ago, re-

zoned from large-lot residential to arterial commercial.

The Utah company and land owners who control 228 acres south of the freeway have proposed uses including housing and commercial businesses.

Several Flying J executives told the council the four-page ordinance is too detailed and should be rewritten.

Mike Eades, Flying J real estate vice president, invited city officials to tour the company's headquarters in Ogden, Utah, to learn about ultra-low sulfur fuels. He said the company operates 220 truck stops in North America.