



State Representative Jason Zachary takes a question from a concerned citizen at last Thursday's Citizens Forum at the Farragut Town Hall.

Farragut and the 5G cell giants

The latest in the saga

By Bill Howard

The drama swirling around Farragut's decision to allow the infrastructure necessary for 5G cellular service was once again on display, this time Thursday night, Mar. 12 at the Town Hall. Republican State Rep. Jason Zachary, who repre-

sents the area, took questions from the crowd. The image of those towers defiling the landscape brought about an uproar of opposition.

Zachary then reminded the crowd that, the wireless companies, because of both a 2018 state law and an FCC ruling, could not be prohibited from building wireless

you cannot prohibit the wireless companies at all. It really put us in a tough position in terms of communities for how we were able to respond to this. So all we can do is try to put him in a box and just try to pump the brakes as much as we can."

"Pumping the brakes" meant imposing

at City Council Meeting

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Loud applause and shouts of joy erupted Tuesday evening from the Old Sever Neighborhood citizens attending the Knoxville City Council meeting. The impromptu celebration took place after the city council members approved an appeal of the variances granted to a proposed large development there.

Jennifer Arthur filed the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision to grant four variances for a huge apartment and retail complex proposed for 800 Langford Avenue. The site would face Suttrees Landing Park and the Tennessee River and, in effect, block the view of many houses and businesses along Old Sever Avenue. Attorney Wayne Fine represented the residents along the route.

Fine mentioned that 640 residents signed a petition against the development and said that the proposal violates the "30C2" zoning there. He said there's no hardship other than the design of the complex the developers want to put there.

Peter Hall of Dominion Development said the proposal meets the code for the area except for the variances, which included setback from the street. He