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## Perry council votes 'yes'

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Should those who are building new homes and bringing new residents to Perry pay part of the cost of increasing fire protection and recreational space?

The answer is yes, as far as Perry City Council is concerned.

Impact fees are on their way for the Perry service area.

The city council voted on Tuesday night to appoint a seven-member Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Councilman Joe Kusar, who made the motion, included the requirement, under state law, that the committee would have at least 40 percent of its membership from development fields. In other words, three of the seven must be from the building, development or real estate industries.

As proposed by Mike Beecham, Perry's director of community development, the committee would review the costs of proposed improvements and make recommendations for fees to be paid. All funds raised through impact fees will be used for fire protection and parks.

In other business, the city began discussion of changes to planned unity development regulations.

The new proposal, which was presented at a work session before the regular meeting, would require that at least 20 percent of the total property be used as green space, with perimeter buffers not counting toward the 20 percent. Extensive details are being proposed for the perimeter landscape buffering, sidewalks, distances between detached structures and density of housing, which would not exceed 2.9 dwelling per acre, without an increase in the green space requirement.

There is currently a moratorium on PUD development until the city has made decisions regarding these policies.

In other business, the council heard a presentation from Kelly Mullins regarding to proposed new Houston County Chamber of Commerce, which will be voted on by members of the Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce and the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. The Warner Robins Chamber earlier voted to oppose this consolidation. Perry Council had little comment.

Terre Moody Walker was named to the Perry Planning Commission. Walker currently serves on the Downtown Development Authority and has been a leader in historic preservation efforts.

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