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Posted on Sat, Oct. 20, 2007 Perry names impact fee panel members **BY JAKE JACOBS** The City Council appointed members of the Impact Fee Advisory Committee at Tuesday's meeting, but it wasn't easy. The council, at its regular meeting, went back and forth over how many members to appoint and the method for naming members before settling on each council member naming one person and Mayor James Worrall naming two.

Named to the committee were J.W. Warren by Bobby Glover, Chuck Ramsdale by James Moore, Scott Free by Riley Hunt, Shrad Amrit by Joe Kusar, Durand Canion by Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Kevin Sullivan and Bob Hubbard by Worrall, and Ed Beckhem III by Brian Bowen. Worrall said Bowen, who was in Atlanta and missed the meeting, asked him to name Beckhem.

"Just because we've named a committee doesn't mean we've approved impact fees," Hunt said after the vote. The council also heard a summary from Public Safety Director George Potter on police and fire department activity during the Georgia National Fair. Potter said there were 167 incidents handled by the departments during the fair, including one heart-related

death Oct. 13, a child head-butted by a cow Oct. 12, three fires and three incidents of bulls on the loose. More than 447,000 visitors attended the event, he said.

The first reading of an amendment to the land development ordinance was criticized by developer Scott Free, who said the planned unit development ordinance would stifle development in the city. "We do need some tight zoning, but this will kill the market," Free said. "You need to get input from some

developers and builders on this."

In other action, the council:

 Authorized purchasing 12 Tasers for the police department at a cost of \$10,000, paid for with money from the forfeited drug fund.

• Approved a bid of \$30,500 from Peach County Ford for a pickup truck for the fire department. Because of the council's local purchase policy, if the bid were matched within 24 hours by Wayne Morris Ford in Perry it would get the contract, said City Manager Lee Gilmour.