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Port of St. Marys Rezone Application Work Session Scheduled

The Port of St. Marys Rezone Application will be the focus of a work session January 7th

The City of St. Marys Planning Commission has scheduled the initial work session for local review of the Port of St. Marys rezone application for Thursday, January 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00PM, at the St. Marys Elementary. The work session will provide the Planning Commission their first official look at the application and will focus on the programming of future meetings, detailing the rezone process and avenues for public input. No formal action will take place at this work session, as formal review and public hearings will be scheduled for February.

The applicant, Port of St. Marys, LLC, is seeking to rezone the 722 acre tract of land formerly home to the Durango Paper Mill. The Rezone application requests a change from its current classification of PD (Planned Development Mixed Use) to a PD (Planned Development Industrial) district under Section 110-68 of the City of St. Marys Zoning Ordinance.

The rezone application triggered the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process of the state of Georgia's Department of Community Affairs. The DRI process calls for the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC), of Darian, to provide a format for regional and state stakeholders to review and comment upon the proposed land use action. The DRI Report, produced by the CRC, captures this review process and is then issued to the City, triggering the local land use process. As part of the DRI process the City has the authority to ask for further review and the City of Saint Marys issued that request on December 10th.

A copy of the DRI Report and the request letter to CRC can be found online, at the City of St. Marys' website, and at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. If you have any questions regarding this matter or any other questions about the DRI process, please contact Jeff Adams, St. Marys Community Development Director, at Jeff.Adams@stmarysga.gov, or (912) 510-4032.