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**To: Annapolis City Council**

**From: Planning Commission**

**Re: Findings for R-1-16: Comprehensive Maritime Economic and Zoning review**

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of Resolution 1-16 is to conduct a comprehensive economic and zoning review of all maritime zones that will provide data and recommendations that will enhance the health of the Annapolis maritime industry to become an even more vibrant and integral component of the overall historic fabric and economic engine of the City of Annapolis.

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The rich history and traditions of the City's maritime industry are integral to the City's quality of life, character and economy, and the industry must be fostered in order to remain a dominant factor in the quality of life in Annapolis. The prosperity of Annapolis' maritime economy is dependent on achieving a vital and resilient economic environment that embraces globalization and the fierce competition that it creates.

The 2009 Comprehensive Plan recommended that the City "strive to ensure the Maritime Industry's sustained health and viability. The 2013 City Dock Master Plan, as an amendment to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, requires that any rezoning (other than WMC) should be consistent with the recommendations of a new Zoning and Economic Maritime Sector Study covering all of the current Maritime Districts in the City.

This resolution simply commits the Department of Planning and Zoning to commence a comprehensive review in cooperation with the Maritime Advisory Board of the maritime zones and make recommendations, if any, to the Mayor and City Council. However the time to complete the study in the resolution is not physically possible.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AND DELIBERATION**

On February 4, 2016 the Planning Commission commenced a public hearing on R-1-16 and with no public testimony closed the public hearing. Planning Commission members deliberated on the resolution and concurred with staff recommendations that the time frame for completing the study was not feasible. Due to the fact that there were several initiatives related to Economic Development and Zoning, Planning Commission members discussed the concept of providing progress reports on the development of these studies be reported

to the Planning Commission and City Council on regular intervals.

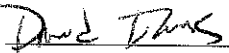
**RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Commission moved to recommend approval of R-1-16 to the City Council with the following amendment on Page 2 line 7:

Modify the sentence to read...."that the Director of Planning and Zoning shall commence work before the end of May 2016 and thereafter the Director shall report to the City Council and Planning Commission the status of the ongoing study on a semi annual basis....."

The motion passed 4-0.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016

  
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David Iams, Chair

