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MEMORANDUM

To: Annapolis Planning Commission

From: C. Pete Gutwald, Director of Planning and Zoning 

Re: Resolution 01-16, for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive economic and zoning review of all maritime zoning classifications.

Background

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.

Purpose

The goal 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.

Analysis

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. Therefore it is recommended that the resolution language be modified to state the study will commence by May 2016.

Recommendation

The Department recognizes that the comprehensive review is needed and recommends support of R-01-16 as recommended by staff with the study commencing by May 2016 and eliminating the language that states it must be completed by May 2016.