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Port of St. Marys Rezone Application Planning Commission Hearings Scheduled

The Port of St. Marys Rezone Application will be the focus of Special Called Hearings for February

The City of St. Marys Planning Commission at a work session on January 7 met at the St. Marys Elementary School to discuss procedural matters and schedule public hearing dates for the Port of St. Marys rezone application. The Planning Commission set two public hearing dates, for the evenings of February 18 & 25, for the same location, St. Marys Elementary School, 600 Osborne, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Public Comment will be taken at both hearings and can be mailed or emailed to the St. Marys Community Development Department, 418 Osborne St., St. Marys, GA 31558. The Commission will not accept anonymous comments and will begin deliberations in February on the proposal to rezone the old mill site property.

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. The CRC expects to have the Revised DRI Report by the end of the month.

A copy of the current 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 or comments, please contact Jeff Adams, St. Marys Community Development Director, at Jeff.Adams@stmarysga.gov, or (912) 510-4032.