**LWVSJ Observer Corps\*: Friday Harbor Town Council, December 15, 2022**

There were no comments from the Public on the **final 2022 Town Budget Amendments**. Final adoption of the 2022 amendments and the **adoption of the 2023 Town Budget were postponed** to the **newly scheduled December 29 meeting** at 12:00 noon.

The Council approved six ordinances to change **water, sewer and stormwater rates and connection fees.**

The Council authorized to the Town to **enter into an agreement with the SJ County Economic Development Council** to promote economic development in the Town of Friday Harbor.

The Council approved **lodging tax grants** for **tourism promotion** for 2023 to the Ag Guild, Cutting, FH Film Festival, SJIMA, the Whale Museum, SJI Chamber of Commerce, the SJ Community Theater, Archipelago, and the SJC Arts Council.

The Council amended and agreement to Grey Osborne for the **McDonald Street Reconstruction Project.**

The Community Development and Planning Department (CDPD) provided an update on several projects in town. The **foundations are going in** for the rebuild of **Crystal Seas**; **Windemere has submitted plans** and the permits should be issued by spring. There are rebuild plans for **Cynthia’s and a neighboring lot, and for Friday Harbor House.** In the first four months of 2023 the CDPD will be working with the Council to **update the Housing Action Plan.** The Council reviewed and approved a rebuild for **China Pearl/Bluewater** which will not change the footprint but will add **seven residentials units on upper floors for vacation rentals.**

The Administrator reviewed the accomplishments of 2022 and noted that for 2023 they will begin to plan and pursue newly available funding for **a new water treatment plant**. She hopes to have a **collective bargaining agreement** ready for approval at the December 29 meeting.

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