

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
7:00 PM
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE #791 AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSING – SECOND READING AND ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

1. HOUSE BILL 2015 RELATING TO SALES TAX - DISCUSSION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL December 16, 2025

VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	CLAIMS	PAYROLL & TAXES	TOTAL
38868 - 38912	\$32,417.46	\$59,791.47	\$92,208.93

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #791**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 5
RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSING THRESHOLDS**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.90.080 requires the adoption of a model ordinance to address out-of-city licensing/delivery concerns; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 a final recommendation created a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) threshold for out-of-city licensing, with an option to require no-fee registration-only requirement for licensing below that threshold; and

WHEREAS, that threshold has been revised and goes into effect January 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Title 5 relating to business licensing must be revised to reflect this change;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 5.04.040 be updated as follows.

Section I, Title 5, Business Licensing

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 5, Business Licensing

5.04.040 Exemptions:

N. Threshold with fee-free license/registration only option: for purposes of the license by this chapter, any person or business whose annual value of products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income of the business in the incorporated limits of the city is equal to or less than ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and who does not maintain a place of business within the city, shall submit a business license to the Department of Licensing through the city's business license application process. The threshold does not apply to regulatory license requirements or activities that require a specialized permit.

1. Beginning January 1, 2026, the threshold amount is \$4,000. The threshold amount will be adjusted every forty-eight months on January 1, by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for “West Urban, All Urban Consumers” (CPI-U) for each 12-month period ending on June 30 as published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics or successor agency. To calculate this adjustment, the current rate will be multiplied by one plus the cumulative four-year (forty-eight month) CPI increase using each 12-month period ending on June 30 of each prior year, and rounded to the nearest \$100. However, if any of the annual CPI increases are more than five (5) percent, a five (5) percent increase will be used in computing the annual basis and if any of the annual CPI decreased during the forty-eight-month period, a zero (0) percent increase will be used in computing the annual basis.

Section II, Severability

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section III, Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from, and after, its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council for the City of Gold Bar on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____, Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910

107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251



City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in hybrid format. Present in person were Councilmembers Craig, Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Yarbrough's Oath of Office was administered when he returned from vacation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to adopt the agenda as presented and Councilmember Russell seconded the motion, which failed for lack of vote. Councilmember Lie then moved to approve the agenda as amended to move up the VFW presentation, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VFW PRESENTATION

Rob Jones, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post Commander for Gold Bar, presented awards of appreciation relating to safety and emergency services. Awards were presented to Josh Gjerness and Brittanie Martin with Sky Valley Fire and Skylor Grasseth with Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. Recipients were thanked for their service by Post Commander Jones, the council, and the audience.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Russell for his mayor pro-tem duties. He then gave a report on the Cannery Levee. The city has worked over the years to create a contingency plan with other agencies that included monitoring Lidar information. The recent rain event eroded part of the levee and as a result, Mayor Yarbrough authorized a Declaration of Emergency. This Declaration allowed the Army Corp of Engineers to complete a temporary repair. He then talked about the ownership of the levee, which is on private property, and that the city will have opportunities to help the owner with more permanent repairs. The action was taken to protect land, but the work will not impact flooding on Moonlight Drive, which does not come from water over the levee. He asked people to stay away from the levee during repairs.

Relating to the levee, Director Norris then presented Lidar images which show where flooding on Moonlight Drive comes from. Lidar also showed where water would flow if the levee failed, and one of

the concerns is that the Levee flow could create a new channel towards May Creek Road. He said it is unknown who originally installed the levee, but it was done before that area came into the city.

Councilmember Sears asked about cost. Mayor Yarbrough said the Army Corp does the work for free under the emergency, and Director Norris said the impact to the city will be after the fact as the city will have to apply for all related permits and will be responsible for those costs.

There was discussion by the council around impacts if the levee failed, which are unknown because of all the variables. Councilmember Lie was disappointed that the county dumped the levee in the city's lap and disagreed with the city taking responsibility. He felt it left a legacy for future councils to deal with.

Councilmember Craig said it was good to have the Lidar imagery and would like to see if there was mitigation available for that area. This led to further discussion around contacting representatives, budget concerns, and legal risks for both taking action and not taking action.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris reminded people that the meeting on January 20th will have a public town hall meeting half an hour earlier to discuss work that will be done in the Sid Mooring park. He also talked about the upcoming comprehensive plan update and the need to update housing numbers to match county projections. Councilmember Lie asked about the radar signs and Director Norris said batteries may need replacing, and the location of one sign will be changed.

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, including water rescue, and then gave updates on road closures due to the rain event and the recent Shop with a Cop event. He spoke briefly about House Bill 2015.

Councilmember Lie asked about a recent city bill. He didn't want to make any changes to service relating to booking restrictions but just wanted people to be aware of costs.

Clerk Stowe reminded those present to sign the citizen comment form and to review the procedure for public comments during council meetings.

Office Manager Beaston said the city website has volunteer information and that it was good to have volunteers to help with weather events. Dog tags for the new year have not yet arrived.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked all those who came to the meeting and talked about the importance of public involvement.

Councilmember Lie said that as a retired professional geologist he was qualified to comment on the levee. He also said that he has not yet drafted a resolution for a trail project.

Councilmember Martin also thanked those who came to the meeting. She thanked Chief Whalen and deputies for their work. She then talked about the strong scent of marijuana from the local businesses. Director Norris said that he met with the fire marshal and representatives from Puget Sound Clean Air and that several violations had been written. Councilmember Martin then said Red Cross is in need of donations.

Councilmember Russell welcomed all who came to the meeting. He then talked about a recent ride-along with deputies.

Councilmember Craig thanked those attending the meeting. She encouraged them to come back and to volunteer, reviewing volunteer options both for the city and the county. She talked about where food donations were being accepted and reiterated the need to not drive around flood barriers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tricia Ann Foster spoke about the levee and funding.

Madison Berry talked about the history of their house flooding, the agencies she has worked with and the consequences of that, actions by residents, a deputy telling people to evacuate, city staff causing wakes in the water, and the need for the city to take flooding seriously.

Jessi Beyer gave a handout on crisis response and spoke about the East County Response Program and House Bill 2015 which will utilize a sales tax to integrate mental health professions with law enforcement.

Zack Greenberg talked about the number of children in the neighborhood impacted by flooding and said that while they were not in the city limits they attended the school. He also questioned why the city was worried about the budget.

Chelsie Wallin acknowledged the work currently underway and was grateful for the effort. She then talked about law enforcement asking residents to evacuate, changes in the levee over the years and the need for transparency.

Demi Phillips-Hall talked about the ownership and responsibility of the levee.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #791 Amending Title 5. This ordinance relates to changes in licensing thresholds for businesses that do not have a bricks-and-mortar presence in the city, but do business within city limits. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #791 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears thanked those who came to the meeting and said he knows this is a trying time for all, and that the county, mayor, and staff are doing the best they can. He encouraged people to go to county council meetings or send letters.

Councilmember Lie said the levee is a regional issue, bigger than the city, and needs involvement by the county and state.

Councilmember Martin thanked those present for coming and sharing their opinions. She said donations were also being accepted for evacuated animals.

Councilmember Russell said the levee was something he learned about when he first became a councilmember and that there was a plan in place then. He talked about the need to ask questions before something becomes an emergency and repeated the fact that the levee work will not fix flooding on Moonlight Drive as that is a separate issue. Susan Burch asked to speak. Councilmember Lie moved to

allow this and with a second by Councilmember Craig the motion carried, with Councilmember Russell abstaining. Ms. Burch then said she felt insulted and directed her comments to Councilmember Russell. Clerk Stowe stepped in to remind people of the process for public comments and instructed the council to return to the agenda.

Councilmember Craig talked about federal grants and the need to move forward from this flood event. She said agency responses are moving from response to recovery and that recovery plans would be discussed at the Startup Event Center.

Councilmember Lie would like to see the sales tax initiative on the next agenda.

Councilmember Craig asked about fire department sirens and Assistant Chief Ernie Walters said they are being rebuilt.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Lie moved to approve the December 2nd, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38849 through 38867 with \$36,097.39 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$37,097.39 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar

Time: 11:08:45 Date: 12/31/2025

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
2247	12/17/2025	Payroll	7	38868	Richard L Baker	1,214.21	
2248	12/17/2025	Payroll	7	38869	Denise J Beaston	1,025.61	
2249	12/17/2025	Payroll	7	38870	Lisa M Stowe	1,286.38	
2319	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38871	Richard L Baker	4,347.09	
2320	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38872	Denise J Beaston	3,443.85	
2321	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38873	Krystal Craig	6.11	
2322	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38874	Lance Hunt	3,501.07	
2323	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38875	Anthony Johnson	3,512.86	
2324	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38876	Chuck Lie	91.11	
2325	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38877	Florence D Martin	91.11	
2326	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38878	Richard D Norris	5,507.86	
2327	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38879	Lee Russell	91.11	
2328	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38880	Jordan Sears	91.11	
2329	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38881	Arthur Stowe	2,477.30	
2330	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38882	Lisa M Stowe	5,072.90	
2331	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38883	Steven Yarbrough	911.12	
2334	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38884	Vimly Benefit Solutions AWC Employee Ben.trust	8,096.55	Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - WDS PLAN D; Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - Basic Life; Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - HealthFirst; Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - VSP
2335	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	E38885	Coastal Community Bank	11,453.24	941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 12/16/2025 - 12/30/2025; 941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 - 12/30/2025
2336	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38886	Dept Of Retirement Systems	4,215.08	Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - PERS 2
2337	12/30/2025	Payroll	7	38887	MissionSquare	75.00	Pay Cycle(s) 12/30/2025 To 12/30/2025 - ICMA
2340	12/31/2025	Payroll	7	38888	Dept Of Labor And Industries	3,052.94	4TH Quarter L&I: 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
2341	12/31/2025	Payroll	7	38889	Employment Security Dept	227.86	4th Quarter Unemployment: 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
2354	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38890	AM Test, Inc.	85.00	
2355	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38891	Cascade Columbia Distribution	1,772.53	
2356	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38892	City Of Everett	705.00	
2357	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38893	Core & Main LP	38.25	
2358	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38894	Krystal Craig	12.22	Replacement Of Lost Checks
2359	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38895	Dept Of Corrections	155.37	
2360	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38896	ICONIX Waterworks	64.92	
2361	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38897	Kelley Connect Co.	201.32	
2362	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38898	Lowe's Business Account	123.23	
2363	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38899	Pacifica Law Group	1,402.00	
2364	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38900	Puget Sound Energy	161.34	
2365	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38901	Jordan Sears	182.22	Replacement Of Lost Checks
2366	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38902	Sno County District Court	584.45	
2367	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38903	Sno County PUD	2,198.26	
2368	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38904	Sno County Planning	767.20	
2369	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38905	Sno County Sheriff's Office	2,957.43	
2370	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38906	State Auditor's Office	16,345.18	
2371	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38907	Transportation Improvement Board	2,939.22	Orchard

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
2372	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38908	Verizon Wireless	234.65	
2373	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38909	WA State Treasurer	993.09	
2374	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38910	Ziply Fibér	140.56	
2375	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38911	Ziply Fiber	304.11	
2376	12/31/2025	Claims	7	38912	Ziply Fiber	49.91	
						001 General Government	38,866.46
						101 City Street	3,602.65
						301 Capital Projects Fund	2,939.22
						401 Water Operating	32,683.30
						415 Stormwater Fund	13,124.21
						633 Agency Fund	993.09
							Claims: 32,417.46
							92,208.93 Payroll: 59,791.47

Approve by the Finance Committee DATED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Finance Group

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WE, the members of the City Council of the City of Gold Bar Washington, DO HEREBY certify that the merchandise or services listed above have been received and that the above listed vouchers and the related checks have been reviewed and approved for payment by the City of Gold Bar City Council.

ATTEST:

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Mayor

Clerk./Treasurer

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2025.