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| <div>Agenda</div> | | <div>CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, December 16, 2025 7:00 PM CITY HALL</div> | |
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| CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL | | | |
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| OATH OF OFFICE | | | |
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| AGENDA APPROVAL | | | |
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| MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS | | | |
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| CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES) | | | |
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| CONTINUED BUSINESS | | | |
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| NEW BUSINESS | | | |
| 1. VFW PRESENTATION AND AWARD | | | |
| 2. ORDINANCE #791 AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSING – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING | | | |
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| FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS | | | |
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| MINUTES APPROVAL | | December 2, 2025 | |
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| VOUCHER APPROVAL | | | |
| CHECKS | CLAIMS | PAYROLL & TAXES | TOTAL |
| 38849 - 38867 | \$36,097.39 | \$1,000.00 | \$37,097.39 |
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| 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

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

Snohomish County certified the recent election and Clerk Stowe administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmembers Craig, Martin, and Russell. The Oath of Office will be administered to the mayor when he returns.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to adopt the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell said staff have been excellent support for him as mayor pro-tem. He has been enjoying walking around town talking to people and appreciates the livable community.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, updated the council on the recent theft from the maintenance building and the associated arrest, and spoke briefly about hosting the upcoming Shop with a Cop.

Director Norris said staff have been working on stormwater and getting plows ready. He also talked about changes to security after the recent burglary. Director Norris then presented copies of a letter received by residents of Fall View in opposition to a short-term rental. He explained the council has no jurisdiction over this application but that he will make the letter and petition part of the exhibit that goes to the Hearing Examiner, where the final decision will be made. The council could elect to change municipal code for future applications, but current submissions are reviewed under current code. Councilmember Lie reminded the council about two citizens who came before the council prepared with valid points and as a result of their presentation, restrictions were made.

Councilmember Lie asked about a bill for vehicle cameras. The cameras were funded through an AWC grant. Front and rear cameras are now on the F350, F150, dump truck, sweeper, and sedan. There was

brief discussion around the recordings and how they are not retained but are specific for any potential incidents. Councilmember Lie asked about an on-demand light for crosswalks, which has not yet been ordered. He then asked about the number of accessory dwelling units, and one is being built.

Office Manager Beaston said dog tags have been ordered so renewal notices will be going out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie reviewed meetings he attended, including Washington Wild, Snohomish County Parks, and meeting with the audit team. He spoke briefly about the need to support multi-modal transportation between Gold Bar and Index, including a trail that could link Wallace Falls State Park and Index. He would like to see a resolution that recognizes the need for this, and will draft an example for the mayor and clerk.

Councilmember Martin said there is an upcoming recreation meeting in Sultan. She spoke briefly with Chief Whalen about the noise of racing cars.

Councilmember Russell talked about a specific vehicle that might be of interest, the importance of cameras in vehicles, that the salmon run appears to be over, and the need to be aware of wildlife when hiking.

Councilmember Craig attended the AWC legislative session for the upcoming year and topics included the rising cost of indigent defense and housing. She also talked about public safety and feels Gold Bar should look at this in the future.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #790 Amending the Personnel Manual. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #790 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #787 Amending the 2025 Budget. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #787 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #788 Adopting the 2026 Budget. Councilmember Lie asked about capital projects for 2026. There are none for water, but upcoming capital projects for parks and work on city hall. He then moved to accept Ordinance #788 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Task Force Interlocal. There was brief discussion around the small increase in the annual cost and the benefits to the city. Chief Whalen said the manager has offered to meet with the council to give more information about what they do, and Councilmember Lie would like to see this happen. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to authorize the mayor or mayor pro-tem to enter into this interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the November 18th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38811 through 38848 with \$15,142.06 for claims and \$50,543.77 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$65,685.83 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lie moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar

Time: 10:00:42 Date: 12/11/2025

12/03/2025 To: 12/16/2025

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| Trans | Date | Type | Acct # | Chk # | Claimant | Amount | Memo |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 2199 | 12/03/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38849 | Atwell, LLC | 15,495.00 | Orchard |
| 2200 | 12/03/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38850 | TMG Services | 436.60 | |
| 2203 | 12/04/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38851 | US Postal Service | 374.87 | |
| 2214 | 12/09/2025 | Payroll | 7 | 38852 | Richard L Baker | 200.00 | |
| 2215 | 12/09/2025 | Payroll | 7 | 38853 | Denise J Beaston | 800.00 | |
| 2219 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38854 | Citi Cards | 5,862.66 | |
| 2220 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38855 | City Of Gold Bar | 546.40 | |
| 2221 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38856 | Comcast Business | 344.41 | |
| 2222 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | E38857 | Dept Of Revenue-Excise Tax | 1,679.44 | |
| 2223 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38858 | Home Comfort Alliance | 1,100.57 | Heating System Repairs |
| 2224 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38859 | Kelley Create | 182.00 | |
| 2225 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38860 | O'Reilly Automotive, INC | 128.04 | |
| 2226 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38861 | Sno County PUD | 1,753.54 | |
| 2227 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38862 | Sno County Sheriff's Office | 6,705.44 | |
| 2228 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38863 | Sound Publishing | 68.80 | |
| 2229 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38864 | TMG Services | 304.91 | |
| 2230 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38865 | Utilities Underground | 22.95 | |
| 2231 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38866 | Waste Management | 723.63 | |
| 2232 | 12/16/2025 | Claims | 7 | 38867 | Sound Safety Products Inc | 368.13 | |
| 001 General Government | | | | | | 11,088.74 | |
| 101 City Street | | | | | | 2,045.00 | |
| 302 General And Street Grants Fund | | | | | | 6,647.50 | |
| 401 Water Operating | | | | | | 7,098.52 | |
| 403 Water Capital Improvement | | | | | | 8,847.50 | |
| 415 Stormwater Fund | | | | | | 1,370.13 | |
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