

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 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)

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 26-02 AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE; ORDINANCE 792 AMENDING GBMC

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 26-01, NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL	January 6, 2026	

VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	CLAIMS	PAYROLL & TAXES	TOTAL
38913 - 38944	\$206,281.13	\$2,544.79	\$208,825.92

ADJOURNMENT



107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251



NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026
7:00 PM Via Zoom & In person

The City of Gold Bar will hold a Public Hearing on the Fee Schedule Amendment and Zoning on January 20th, 2026, at 7PM. The meeting will be both in-person and via Zoom. Meeting information can be found at www.cityofgoldbar.us. Please see zoom Meeting info below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86156226493>

Meeting ID: 861 5622 6493

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Join instructions

https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/86156226493/invitations?signature=lrffl1jjnoMlb1v7g4H_EGJLDG2NtjDf4t3Ra3X0QvHI

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Beaston at 360-793-1101 or at d.beaston@cityofgoldbar.us. You can also find information on our website at www.cityofgoldbar.us.

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 26-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, current stormwater rates are not sufficient to maintain the current level of standard; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Gold Bar adopted Ordinance #788 which is the budget for 2026 after three public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the budget for 2026 includes raising stormwater rates; and

WHEREAS, a resolution and public hearing are required to amend the fee schedule;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Gold Bar that the fee schedule shall be amended as follows.

Section I Fee Schedule Chapter X, Stormwater Rates

Section II Severability

Section III Effective Date

Section I, Fee Schedule Chapter X, Stormwater Rates

1. Stormwater rates shall be ~~\$13.05~~ \$14.93 per household, commercial business, and/or unit.
2. Stormwater rates for qualifying low-income senior citizens shall be ~~\$10.09~~ \$10.40.
3. Stormwater Late charges.
 - a. Penalty for late/delinquent accounts: ~~\$20~~ \$25
 - b. Lien filing charge: actual cost plus ~~8%~~ 10% administrative fee
 - c. Lien release charge: actual cost plus ~~8%~~ 10% administrative fee

Section II, Severability

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

Resolved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #792**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING GOLD BAR
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLES 13, 17, AND 18 RELATING TO PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar no longer has a planning commission; and

WHEREAS, Gold Bar Municipal Code still has planning commission wording;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Code Titles 13 and 17 be updated as follows.

Section I, Title 13, Public Services

Section II, Title 17, Zoning

Section III, Title 18, Environment

Section IV, Severability

Section V, Effective Date

Section I, Title 13, Public Services

13.04.260 – Recovery contracts – Prerequisites.

Such contract shall not be entered into without the entry of findings by the city council, based upon such information as is available to the ~~water superintendent~~ ~~public works~~ director, ~~planning commission~~, water department, and any other source, that the following is true and correct with respect to the proposed area of a development:

Section II, Title 17, Zoning

17.02.020 – *Hearings and notice.*

Subsequent to the receipt of a complete comprehensive plan amendment application, or direction of the city council, and following department review, at least one (1) hearing shall be set before ~~the planning commission and one (1) hearing before~~ the city council. Notice of the hearings shall be given by the following methods:

17.02.030 – *Planning commission action on amendments.*

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a. ~~The planning commission shall make a written recommendation on the proposed amendment whether to approve, approve in modified form, or disapprove, based upon the findings required by this chapter.~~

b. ~~Planning commission action recommending that the proposed comprehensive plan amendment be approved, approved in modified form, or denied shall be considered by the city council following commission action.~~

17.06.030 – *Advertising and/or business signs.*

7. Signs displaying time/temperature readouts are subject to review ~~by the planning commission~~ and approval by the public works director for compliance with this chapter.

17.08.470 – Comprehensive Plan

“Comprehensive plan” means the policies and proposals approved and recommended by the ~~planning commission~~ city council, as now constituted, or hereafter amended, or its successor.

17.08.480 – Conditional use.

“Conditional use” means a use listed among those classified in any given use zone but permitted to locate only after review and approval by the ~~planning commission~~ city hearing examiner and the granting of a conditional use permit imposing such performance standards as will make the use compatible with other permitted uses in the same vicinity and zone and assure against imposing excessive demands upon public utilities.

17.08.1560 – Zone map.

“Zone map” means a map ~~recommended by the planning commission~~ and approved by the council which is a part of the ordinance codified in this title when so adopted, and sets out the boundaries of the various zones herein.

17.50.020 – Permitted uses.

The following additional uses are permitted in the recreation-oriented overlay:

Lodging facilities, including bed and breakfast guesthouses, lodges, inns, youth hostels, and campgrounds, provided:

3. The style of the structure shall:

c. Be reviewed by the ~~planning commission~~ hearing examiner;

17.50.030 – Conditional Uses

The following additional uses may be permitted in the recreation oriented overlay subject to a conditional use permit:

G. Uses similar to those listed above which the ~~planning commission~~ city hearing examiner determines are consistent with the purposes of the recreational overlay.

17.68.050 – Relocation necessitated by condemnation – City council approval required.

When a nonconforming use is required to relocate due to condemnation or purchase for public use, the city council may grant a special use permit for the relocation of such nonconforming use on the same lot or any contiguous lot which is under single ownership at the effective date of the nonconformance, subsequent to a ~~recommendation from the planning commission~~ and a public hearing; provided, that such relocation must be found not to be detrimental to the surrounding properties.

17.70.010 – Purpose

C. This chapter provides two (2) methods of site plan review:

1. Administrative review: Required for projects that are categorically exempt from SEPA review as identified in WAC 197-11-800 as now or hereafter amended. These projects shall be subject to Type II review under Title 19 GBMC where the public works director shall issue a final decision based upon recommendations from the ~~development review committee mayor and staff~~.
2. City Council Review: Required for projects that are not subject to administrative review. These projects shall be subject to Type III review under Title 19 GBMC, except that the ~~development review committee city hearing examiner~~ shall issue recommendations to the city council ~~instead of the planning commission~~.

17.72.130 – Vacation of permits and variances.

C. Requests to vacate a permit shall be made in writing to the ~~planning commission~~ ~~public works director~~ which shall determine if the above conditions are present prior to authorizing the vacation. Vacation of any permit/variance shall be documented by the filing of a notice of land use permit vacation.

Section III, Title 17, Environment

(13) Critical Areas Reasonable Use Permit.

C. The ~~planning commission~~ Hearing Examiner shall review the application, conduct a public hearing pursuant to the hearing provisions of the development code, and make recommendation to the city council. The city council shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request based on the proposal's ability to comply with all of the reasonable use permit criteria in Subsection D.

Section IV, 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 V, 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, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 26-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON REGARDING PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar has branded itself as the gateway to widespread recreational and natural attractions of the Cascade mountains; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar borders Wallace Falls State Park, one of the premier state parks that highlights the City's position in non-motorized outdoor recreation and provides economic support for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing motorized route between the City and the neighboring Town of Index that provides for recreational traffic in vehicles, street-legal All-Terrain Vehicles, and bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a sidewalk to provide a safe pedestrian pathway from US 2 to the City limits near the entrance to Wallace Falls State Park, as described in the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan and as shown in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Figure 2; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that adjacent public property managers at the Washington State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources have existing trails and plans to connect their trail systems, including a trail that extends from the top of Wallace Falls, with the parking lot located on 429th Avenue SW; and

WHEREAS, the City has a goal of coordinating trail access with adjacent public land owners described in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan in Transportation Goal and Policy 6.1; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the expansion of Community Transit services to include a bus stop near Wallace Falls State Park, and near the existing public parking lot and trailhead on 429th Avenue SW;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Gold Bar as follows:

Section I, Trail Development

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Trail Development

The City of Gold Bar supports the development of a non-motorized trail that connects the City and the Town of Index. This trail will use existing trail networks and new trails on public lands to link trails and create a network of trails. Further, the City encourages the use of spur trails, where possible, to provide access to remaining relics that reflect the mining history of the local area, and access to natural features.

Severability

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

Effective Date

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

Resolved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910

107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251



City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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 included Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said the levee repairs were finished, and then reviewed meetings he attended, including a Menorah lighting, a meeting related to repairs on Highway 2, and one at the Sky Valley Chamber. He will be presenting a State of the City address in Sultan on the 7th. Councilmember Lie asked about attending Community Transit meetings as a city representative. Currently Councilmember Martin does this, but she was happy to pass it on. Councilmember Lie would like to eventually be on the Transit Board.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, both in the city and in the Gold Bar region. He talked about calls on New Year's Eve relating to fireworks and injuries from fireworks. One injured person thanked deputies for their assistance. Chief Whalen also commended Deputy Grasseth for his fast medical response.

Director Norris talked about installation of crosswalk beacons and the recent Hearing Examiner approval of a short-term rental. A second hearing about another short-term rental will be held January 23rd. Councilmember Lie asked about the status on marijuana businesses, which are working on getting licenses and equipment. Councilmember Lie then asked about business use of street rights-of-way for signage. There was brief discussion around the use of rights-of-ways, enforcement vs. selective enforcement, complying with permits, if the use qualifies as gifting of public funds, and the city's municipal code.

Office Manager Beaston talked about dogs at large.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie summarized meetings he attended, including the short-term rental hearing, and encouraged councilmembers to attend one. He said while there was no control over current applications before the Hearing Examiner, he encouraged people to voice opinions for future applications. He would like to see a live version of the Emergency Management Manual.

Councilmember Martin repeated the information about the State of the City address at the Sultan Chambers at noon. She also thanked staff for keeping the city going during the recent bad weather.

Councilmember Russell commended those who put together a plan for the levee before it was needed. He also talked about the police presence in the city and was amazed that the city got that level of service. He mentioned walking Index-Galena Road, and wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Craig talked about an upcoming meeting at the Sky Valley Center with multiple government agencies and volunteer resources. She also talked about a scholarship from the Association of Washington Cities for local high school students and would like to apply for this. Mayor Yarbrough asked her to send him information.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Phil Pakslani has concerns about the location of the proposed skate park, is not in favor of it, and doesn't see the benefit. He also is not in favor of hindering struggling businesses by limiting signage and would like to get rid of the opioid treatment van.

CONTINUED 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 Sears moved to accept Ordinance #791 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by both Councilmembers Craig and Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill 2015 Relating to Sales Tax. The council received a presentation on this bill at the last meeting and Councilmember Lie asked to have it put on the agenda for discussion. The discussion included the tight turnaround time for the current submissions, the need for the community to be aware of it, the need for more information, when the next opportunity is scheduled, what other cities are doing, the lack of information on what criteria is required to apply, and that the sheriff's department is researching this. Once there is more concrete information, this will be placed on another agenda.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears reminded those present of the upcoming town hall meeting to be held prior to the next council meeting.

Councilmember Lie also talked about the police presence in the city and State Patrol presence in Startup. He questioned bills for two councilmembers and Clerk Stowe explained these weren't bills, but replacement of lost payroll checks.

Councilmember Martin said she saw deputy cars without headlights on and said she may miss the next meeting.

Councilmember Russell talked about fireworks and the recent injuries.

Councilmember Craig asked if the recent highway closure impacted the opioid treatment van, which it did not. She also asked about their contract, which is for a year and began in June.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the December 16th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38868 through 38912 with \$32,417.46 for claims and \$59,791.47 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$92,208.93 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar

Time: 10:25:38 Date: 01/14/2026

01/01/2026 To: 01/20/2026

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
25	01/08/2026	Claims	7	38913	US Postal Service	379.55	
19	01/07/2026	Payroll	7	38914	Employment Security PFML	821.03	Pay Cycle(s) 10/01/2025 To 12/31/2025 - PFML
20	01/07/2026	Payroll	7	38915	Employment Security WA Cares Fund	723.76	Pay Cycle(s) 10/01/2025 To 12/31/2025 - Long Term Care
36	01/13/2026	Payroll	7	38916	Richard L Baker	200.00	
37	01/13/2026	Payroll	7	38917	Denise J Beaston	800.00	
43	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38918	AWC Rmsa	109,821.00	Insurance
44	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38919	AWC	1,495.00	Membership
45	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38920	AWC	350.00	Drug Consortium
46	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38921	Advanced Testing & Service	120.00	Annual Backflow
47	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38922	Barmon Lumber	154.43	
48	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38923	Bay Alarm	499.67	Annual
49	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38924	Citi Cards	6,764.16	
50	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38925	City Of Gold Bar	546.40	
51	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38926	Comcast Business	344.41	
52	01/20/2026	Claims	7	E38927	Dept Of Revenue-Excise Tax	2,039.71	
53	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38928	Evergreen Rural Water	352.35	Membership
54	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38929	Evergreen Rural Water	375.00	Conference
55	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38930	Evergreen Rural Water	3,024.00	Apprentice Program
56	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38931	Halogen Systems, Inc.	18,107.47	
57	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38932	Charles H Myers	185.00	December 2025
58	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38933	O'Reilly Automotive, INC	148.20	
59	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38934	Pacifica Law Group	1,938.00	
60	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38935	Sno County PUD	1,663.55	
61	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38936	Sno County Sheriff	43,624.00	December 2025
62	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38937	Sound Publishing	58.48	Public Hearing
63	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38938	Springbrook/BIAS	11,854.38	Annual
64	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38939	Utilities Underground	24.30	
65	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38940	WAPRO	25.00	Annual
66	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38941	Waste Management	714.15	
67	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38942	West Coast Code Consultants, Inc.	1,318.90	3284
68	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38943	Ziply Fiber	49.91	
69	01/20/2026	Claims	7	38944	Ziply Fiber	304.11	

- 001 General Government
- 101 City Street
- 104 Street Impact Fee Fund
- 401 Water Operating
- 403 Water Capital Improvement
- 415 Stormwater Fund

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