

# Agenda

## CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:00 PM  
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL

February 17, 2026

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

CLAIMS

PAYROLL & TAXES

TOTAL

39021 - 39056

\$19,229.45

\$53,102.87

\$72,332.32

ADJOURNMENT

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 17, 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, Russell, and Sears. Councilmember Martin attended via Zoom. 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 that the audit exit conference has been rescheduled to the next meeting. He attended conferences through the Association of Washington Cities and reviewed those. He passed on a comment from a resident who would like speed bumps removed. The third-party vendor, AllPaid, that handles debit and credit payments for utilities, will be raising their fee to 2.95%.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Whalen reviewed staffing changes, flock cameras in Sultan, the recent fatality on the highway, and the enforcement of ATV violations. Councilmember Russell asked if the fuel issue had been resolved or if deputies still had to go to Monroe for fuel. Chief Whalen is working on options for fuel locally and there was brief discussion around the need to access fuel in emergency situations.

Director Norris was asked by Councilmember Lie about the marijuana businesses. Two are going through the process with Puget Sound Clean Air agency and the city has no control over licensing yet. If the businesses are not in compliance then the city can revoke business licenses. Councilmember Russell asked about the number of businesses in compliance and Director Norris said more are in compliance than not. Councilmember Lie then asked about surplus equipment which has had no interest. There was brief discussion around posting the equipment again.

Office Manager Beaston said utility bills will go out on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and there are still issues with loose dogs.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears said he may have to miss the next meeting.

Councilmember Lie talked about the recent election and work at ballot boxes, and the age statistics of those who vote by mail vs. ballot boxes. He then reviewed bills he follows that are going through legislation and an agenda for an upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting.

Councilmember Russell also talked about legislation, the risks of walking on railroad tracks, and the ability of deputies to cover large territories.

Councilmember Craig thanked EMS for all they do and the difficulties they faced with the recent fatality call. She talked about traffic and safety projects on SR2, and legislative bills relating to public safety.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers reviewed the response he received from WSDOT regarding the SR2 crosswalk.

Kathy Miller asked if there was a timeline on the crosswalk installation. Mayor Yarbrough said the project has gone out to bid but he has no further information on a schedule.

Rosie (no last name given) spoke via Zoom about short-term rentals and speed bumps.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Short Term Rental (STR) Regulation.* Director Norris gave a history of existing regulations which was started in 2022 because there were no regulations and STRs would have been allowed anywhere within city limits. Work was done by an ad hoc group that then gave recommendations to the council and regulations were adopted. In 2024 the council elected to make those regulations more restrictive after review of housing stock. In 2024 there was one application and two people testified in opposition. In 2025 there were two applications, on Birch and Alder in the Fall View development. There are twelve property owners on Birch and a petition in opposition was signed by five or six of those. During the hearing for the application on Alder, two people testified in opposition and neither lived on Alder.

This background then opened up a great deal of discussion with councilmembers. Discussion included stricter regulation, outright bans, impacts on communities, affordable housing, changing zoning, the need to respect people's property rights, potential legal ramifications of outright bans, moratoriums, terminology definitions between 'short-term rentals' and 'bed and breakfasts', owner-occupied businesses vs. no owner onsite, regulations limiting corporations from ownership, requiring owners to live in the city, and regulating the types of activities that can be held in a STR.

After discussion a consensus was reached to research regulations in other cities, moratoriums, and potential legal impacts to the city.

### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Lie talked about risks with photographing trains and walking tracks.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38989 through 39020 with \$72,056.68 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$73,056.68 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

# CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar

Time: 08:27:54 Date: 02/26/2026

02/18/2026 To: 03/03/2026

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
359	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39021	Richard L Baker	4,781.74	
360	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39022	Denise J Beaston	3,648.10	
361	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39023	Krystal Craig	5.96	
362	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39024	Lance Hunt	3,507.29	
363	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39025	Anthony Johnson	3,028.17	
364	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39026	Chuck Lie	90.96	
365	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39027	Florence D Martin	90.96	
366	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39028	Richard D Norris	5,780.22	
367	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39029	Lee Russell	90.96	
368	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39030	Jordan Sears	90.96	
369	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39031	Arthur Stowe	2,016.65	
370	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39032	Lisa M Stowe	5,329.19	
371	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39033	Steven Yarbrough	909.63	
377	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39034	Vimly Benefit Solutions AWC Employee Ben.trust	8,905.85	Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - WDS PLAN D; Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - Basic Life; Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - HealthFirst; Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - VSP
378	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	E39035	Coastal Community Bank	10,478.37	941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 - 02/24/2026
379	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39036	Dept Of Retirement Systems	4,272.86	Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - PERS 2
380	02/24/2026	Payroll	7	39037	MissionSquare	75.00	Pay Cycle(s) 02/24/2026 To 02/24/2026 - ICMA
391	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39038	Amazon Capital Services	177.83	
392	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39039	City Of Everett	360.00	
393	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39040	Dept Of Corrections	242.50	
394	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39041	Diamond Maps	360.00	Annual Fee
395	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39042	John Galt	1,692.25	Annual Report, STR
396	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39043	Kelley Create Co.	201.32	
397	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39044	Pacifica Law Group	1,553.00	
398	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39045	Puget Sound Energy	218.67	
399	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39046	Lee Russell	91.11	Replacement Of Ck 38879 Lost In Mail
400	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39047	S&B Inc	1,401.54	
401	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39048	Sky Valley Chamber	142.74	
402	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39049	Sno County Auditor	3,554.02	Annual
403	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39050	Sno County District Court	592.07	
404	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39051	Sno County PUD	2,316.97	
405	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39052	Sno County Sheriff's Office	1,147.18	
406	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39053	Sound Publishing	10.32	
407	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39054	State Auditor's Office	4,797.40	
408	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39055	Verizon Wireless	234.65	
409	03/03/2026	Claims	7	39056	ZiPLY Fiber	135.88	
						32,549.21	
						3,639.32	
						149.13	
						25,612.25	
						10,382.41	
						72,332.32	
						Claims:	19,229.45
						Payroll:	53,102.87