Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 3, 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 #800, FAMILY BURIALS – SECOND READING AND ACTION

2. BRIDGE SERVICES AGREEMENT – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 26-09, 2027 PROPERTY TAXES AND LEVY CERTIFICATION – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL	**October 20, 2026**	

VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	**CLAIMS**	**PAYROLL & TAXES**	**TOTAL**
39479 – 39500 and EFTs	**$13,192.22**	**$53,835.74**	**$67,027.96**

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #800

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, AMENDING GOLD BAR MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY, PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAMILY BURIAL GROUNDS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION DUE TO CRITICAL AREAS, WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM HEALTH CONCERNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Chapter 68.74 RCW, which authorizes families to establish private family burial grounds on corporate or privately owned property under specific state minimum guidelines; and

WHEREAS, RCW 68.74.030 explicitly grants local cities and counties the full authority to enact local ordinances that further regulate, restrict, or entirely prohibit the establishment of family burial grounds within their local jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the local geology, high groundwater tables, and proximity to critical water bodies within Gold Bar create severe environmental risks, including potential biological and chemical contamination of critical aquifers and local drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the properties within this jurisdiction rely entirely on individual On-Site Sewage Systems (OSS), commonly known as septic systems, which require strict, unencumbered space for both primary and 100-percent reserve drainfield capacity to protect public health from system failures; and

WHEREAS, RCW 68.74.080 mandates that a family burial ground constitutes a permanent dedication of land that restricts grading, construction, and heavy machinery access in perpetuity, creating an irreconcilable conflict with the maintenance, inspection, repair, and replacement requirements of on-site septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Bar City Council finds that prohibiting the establishment of new family burial grounds is necessary to protect public health, prevent groundwater contamination, and preserve the integrity of critical areas and critical aquifer recharge zones; and

WHEREAS, such establishment requires the creation of a new chapter in the Gold Bar Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I **Creation of New Chapter**
Section II **Title 8.28.010, Adoption of Prohibition**
Section III **Title 8.28.020, Enforcement and Penalties**

Section III Severability
Section IV Effective Date

Section I, Creation of New Chapter

Chapter 8.28, Family Burial Grounds, is hereby added to Title 8, Health and Safety, of the City of Gold Bar Municipal Code, to read as follows.

Section II, Title 8.28.010, Adoption of Prohibition

Family Burial Grounds Prohibited.

A. Prohibition. The establishment, placement, or operation of any new family burial ground, as defined or authorized under Chapter 68.74 RCW, is strictly prohibited on all real property within the incorporated limits of Gold Bar.

B. Findings and Declaration of Conflict. The City formally declares that private human burial practices create localized public health and land-use conflicts that cannot be adequately mitigated on parcels utilizing On-Site Sewage Systems (OSS) or containing critical areas. Specifically:

1. *Septic Integrity:* The permanent dedication of land required for a burial plot poses an immediate threat to the long-term functionality of septic systems by restricting the necessary physical clearance, heavy equipment access, and expansion space required for primary and reserve drainfields under local environmental health codes.

2. *Critical Areas Impact:* Due to the high water table, frequent flood events, and dense network of wetlands, streams, and rivers within the jurisdiction, the introduction of private burial plots within close proximity to residential homes presents an unacceptable risk of biological contamination to public and private drinking water systems.

Section III, Title 8.28.020, Enforcement and Penalties

Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance and a land-use violation, subject to code enforcement, civil penalties, or injunctive relief as provided under Chapter 8.16.080 of the Gold Bar Municipal Code.

Section IV, Severability

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section V, Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____, Steven Yarbrough, Mayor

First Reading: _____
Posted: _____
Second Reading: _____
Passed: _____

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON

AND BRIDGE COORDINATION SERVICES, LLC FOR DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE/ CRIME VICITM SERVICES COORDINATION

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement’) is made and entered into by and between the City of Gold Bar, Washington, a Washington State municipal corporation (“City”), and Bridge Coordination Services, LLC, a Washington corporation ("Consultant"). NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants and performances contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the City with domestic violence coordination services, as described in Article II. The general terms and conditions of the relationship between the City and the Consultant are specified in this Agreement.

ARTICLE II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Scope of Services is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference (“Scope of Services”). All such services shall be provided in accordance with the standards of the Consultant’s profession.

ARTICLE III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

III.1 MINOR CHANGES IN SCOPE.

The Consultant shall accept minor changes, amendments, or revision in the detail of the Scope of Services as may be required by the City when such changes will not have any impact on the service costs or proposed delivery schedule. Extra work, if any, involving substantial changes and/or changes in cost or schedules will be addressed as follows:

Extra Work. The City may desire to have the Consultant perform work or render services in connection with each project in addition to or other than work provided for by the expressed intent of the Scope of Services in the scope of services. Such work will be considered as extra work and will be specified in a written supplement to the scope of services, to be signed by both parties, which will set forth the nature and the scope thereof. All proposals for extra work or services shall be prepared by the City. Work under a supplemental agreement shall not proceed until executed in writing by the parties.

III.2 WORK PRODUCT AND DOCUMENTS.

The work product and all documents produced under this Agreement shall be furnished by the Consultant to the ~~City~~ Snohomish County Sheriff’s Department, and upon completion of the work shall become the property of the ~~City~~ Snohomish County Sheriff’s Department, except that the Consultant may retain one copy of the work product and documents for its records. The

Consultant will be responsible for the accuracy of the work, even though the work has been accepted by the ~~City~~ Snohomish County Sheriff's Department.

In the event that the Consultant shall default on this Agreement or in the event that this Agreement shall be terminated prior to its completion as herein provided, all work product of the Consultant, along with a summary of work as of the date of default or termination, shall become the property of the ~~City~~ Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. Upon request, the Consultant shall tender the work product and summary to the ~~City~~ Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. Tender of said work product shall be a prerequisite to final payment under this Agreement. The summary of work done shall be prepared at no additional cost to the City or Snohomish County Sheriff's Department.

Consultant will not be held liable for reuse of documents produced under this Agreement or modifications thereof for any purpose other than those authorized under this Agreement without the written authorization of Consultant.

III.3 TERM.
This Agreement shall commence on _____ 2026 and shall terminate on December 31, 2027.

Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year budget terms, at the same rate of $58.50 per hour, by execution of a written addendum signed by both parties. Any such extension or renewal shall be in writing and incorporated into this Agreement.
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III.4 NON-ASSIGNABLE.
The services to be provided by the Consultant shall not be assigned or subcontracted without the express written consent of the City.

~~III.5 EMPLOYMENT.~~
~~a. The term "employee" or "employees" as used herein shall mean any officers, agents, or employee of the of the Consultant.~~

~~b. Any and all employees of the Consultant, while engaged in the performance of any work or services required by the Consultant under this Agreement, shall be considered employees of the Consultant only and not of the City, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Workman's Compensation Act on behalf of any said employees while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party as a consequence of any negligent act or omission on the part of the Consultant or its employees while so engaged in any of the work or services provided herein shall be the sole obligation of the Consultant.~~

~~c. Consultant represents, unless otherwise indicated below, that all employees of Consultant that will provide any of the work under this Agreement have not ever been retired from a Washington State retirement system, including but not limited to Teacher (TRS), School District (SERS), Public Employee (PERS), Public Safety (PSERS), law enforcement and fire fighters (LEOFF), Washington State Patrol (WSPRS), Judicial Retirement System (JRS), or otherwise. (Please indicate No or Yes below)~~

~~__TK___ No employees supplying work have ever been retired from a Washington state retirement system.~~
~~_____ _Yes employees supplying work have been retired from a Washington state retirement system.~~

~~In the event the Consultant indicates "no", but an employee in fact was a retiree of a Washington State retirement system, and because of the misrepresentation the City is required to defend a claim by the Washington State retirement system, or to make contributions for or on account of the employee, or reimbursement to the Washington State retirement system for benefits paid, Consultant hereby agrees to save, indemnify, defend and hold City harmless from and against all expenses and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending the claim of the Washington State retirement system and from all contributions paid or required to be paid, and for all reimbursement required to the Washington State retirement system. In the event Consultant affirms that an employee providing work has ever retired from a Washington State retirement system, said employee shall be identified by Consultant, and such retirees shall provide City with all information required by City to report the employment with Consultant to the Department of Retirement Services of the State of Washington.~~

III.~~6~~5 INDEMNITY.
Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from claims, damages, or losses only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Consultant in performance of this Agreement. The Consultant shall not indemnify the City for the City's sole negligence. Each party shall be responsible for its own defense unless otherwise mutually agreed.

III.~~7~~6 INSURANCE.
Insurance coverage shall be reasonably commensurate with the size and scope of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to expand Consultant's liability beyond the limits set forth herein.

a. Insurance Term. The Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees.

b. No Limitation. Consultant's maintenance of insurance as required by the agreement shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Consultant to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the City's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

c. Minimum Scope of Insurance. Consultant shall obtain insurance of the types described below:

(1) Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles. Coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01 or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage.

(2) Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written at least as broad on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, stop-gap, independent contractors and personal injury and advertising injury. The City shall be named as an additional insured under the Consultant's Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect to the work performed for the City using an additional insured endorsement at least as broad as ISO CG 20 26.
(3) Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington.
(4) d. Professional Liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession.
Minimum Insurance Limits. Consultant shall maintain the following insurance limits:

(1) Comprehensive General Liability. $2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury personal injury and property damage; $2,000,000 general aggregate.

(2) Automobile Liability. $1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Workers' Compensation. Workers' compensation limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of Washington.

(4) Professional Liability/Consultant's Errors and Omissions Liability. $2,000,000 per claim and $2,000,000 as an annual aggregate.

e. Notice of Cancellation. In the event that the Consultant receives notice (written, electronic or otherwise) that any of the above required insurance coverage is being cancelled and/or terminated, the Consultant shall immediately (within forty-eight (48) hours) provide written notification of such cancellation/termination to the City.

f. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance to be provided by Consultant shall be with insurers with a current A.M.Best rating of no less than A:VII, or if not rated by Best, with minimum surpluses the equivalent of Best VII rating.

g. Verification of Coverage. In signing this agreement, the Consultant is acknowledging and representing that required insurance is active and current. Consultant shall furnish the City with original certificates and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to the additional insured endorsement, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Consultant before commencement of the work. Further, throughout the term of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide the City with proof of insurance upon request by the City.

h. Failure to Maintain Insurance. Failure on the part of the Consultant to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the City may, after giving five business days' notice to the Consultant to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the City on demand, or at the sole discretion of the City, offset against funds due the Consultant from the City.

l. Subcontractors' Insurance. The Contractor shall cause each and every Subcontractor to provide insurance coverage that complies with all applicable requirements of the Contractor-provided insurance as set forth herein, except the Contractor shall have sole responsibility for determining the limits of coverage required to be obtained by Subcontractors. The Contractor shall ensure that the City is an additional insured on each and every Subcontractor's Commercial General liability insurance policy using an endorsement at least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 10 01 for ongoing operations and CG 20 37 10 01 for completed operations.

III.8 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED AND COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LEGISLATION.

The Consultant agrees to comply with equal opportunity employment and not to discriminate against client, employee, or applicant for employment or for services because of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age or handicap except for a bona fide occupational qualification with regard, but not limited to, the following: employment upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment or any recruitment advertising; layoff or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training, rendition of services. The Consultant further agrees to maintain (as appropriate) notices, posted in conspicuous places, setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. The Consultant understands and agrees that if it violates this nondiscrimination provision, this Agreement may be terminated by the City, and further that the Consultant will be barred from performing any services for the City now or in the future, unless a showing is made satisfactory to the City that discriminatory practices have been terminated and that recurrence of such action is unlikely.

III.9 UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

During the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees to comply with RCW 49.60.180, prohibiting unfair employment practices.

III.10 LEGAL RELATIONS.

The Consultant shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to work to be done under this Agreement. The Consultant represents that the firm and all employees assigned to work on any City project are in full compliance with the statutes of the State of Washington governing activities to be performed and that all personnel to be assigned to the work required under this Agreement are fully qualified and properly licensed to perform the work to which they will be assigned. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of Washington. Venue for any litigation commenced relating to this Agreement shall be in Snohomish County Superior Court.

III.11 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

a. The Consultant and the City understand and expressly agree that the Consultant is an independent contractor in the performance of each and every part of this Agreement. The Consultant expressly represents, warrants and agrees that his status as an independent contractor in the performance of the work and services required under this Agreement is consistent with and meets the six-part independent contractor test set forth in RCW 51.08.195 or as hereafter amended. The Consultant, as an independent contractor, assumes the entire responsibility for carrying out and accomplishing the services required under this Agreement. The Consultant shall make no claim of City employment nor shall claim any

related employment benefits, social security, and/or retirement benefits.

b. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for paying all taxes, deductions, and assessments, including but not limited to federal income tax, FICA, social security tax, assessments for unemployment and industrial injury, and other deductions from income which may be required by law or assessed against either party as a result of this Agreement. In the event the City is assessed a tax or assessment as a result of this Agreement, the Consultant shall pay the same before it becomes due.

c. The City may, during the term of this Agreement, engage other independent contractors to perform the same or similar work that the Consultant performs hereunder.
d. Prior to commencement of work, the Consultant shall obtain a business license from the City.

III.12 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.
The Consultant agrees to and shall notify the City of any potential conflicts of interest in Consultant's client base and shall obtain written permission from the City prior to providing services to third parties where a conflict or potential conflict of interest is apparent. If the City determines in its sole discretion that a conflict is irreconcilable, the City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement.

III.13 CITY CONFIDENCES.
The Consultant agrees to and will keep in strict confidence, and will not disclose, communicate or advertise to third parties without specific prior written consent from the City in each instance, the confidences of the City or any information regarding the City or services provided to the City.

III.14 SUBCONTRACTORS/SUBCONSULTANTS.
a. The Consultant shall be responsible for all work performed by subcontractors/subconsultants pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

b. The Consultant must verify that any subcontractors/subconsultants directly hire meet the responsibility criteria for the project. Verification that a subcontractor/subconsultant has proper license and bonding, if required by statute, must be included in the verification process. The Consultant will use the following Subcontractors/Subconsultants:

c. The Consultant may not substitute or add subcontractors/subconsultants without the written approval of the City.
d. All Subcontractors/Subconsultants shall have the same insurance coverages and limits as set forth in this Agreement and the Consultant shall provide verification of said insurance coverage.

ARTICLE IV. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY.

IV.1 PAYMENTS.

a. The Consultant shall be paid by the City for services rendered under this Agreement as described in the Scope of Services and as provided in this section. In no event shall the compensation paid to Consultant under this Agreement exceed Nine Thousand nine dollars ($ $9009.00) for the maximum of 154 annual service hours without the written agreement of the Consultant and the City.
Such payment shall be full compensation for work performed and services rendered and for all labor, materials, supplies, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work. In the event the City elects to expand the scope of services from that set forth in Exhibit A, the City shall pay Consultant a mutually agreed amount.

b. The City will pay timely submitted and approved invoices received ~~before the 20th of each month and~~ within thirty (30) days of receipt.

IV.2 CITY APPROVAL.
Notwithstanding the Consultant's status as an independent contractor, results of the work performed pursuant to this Agreement must meet the approval of the City, which shall not be unreasonably withheld if work has been completed in compliance with the Scope of Services and City requirements.

IV.3 MAINTENANCE/INSPECTION OF RECORDS.
The City acknowledges it is responsible for compliance with the Washington Public Records Act. Consultant agrees to reasonably cooperate with the City and with Snohomish County Sheriff's Department in responding to requests. The Consultant shall not be responsible for penalties or legal costs except where caused by Consultant's failure to provide records after notice.

a. The Consultant shall maintain all books, records, documents and other evidence pertaining to the costs and expenses allowable under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. All such books and records required to be maintained by this Agreement shall be subject to inspection and audit by representatives of the City, Snohomish County Sheriff's Department, and/or the Washington State Auditor at all reasonable times, and the Consultant shall afford the proper facilities for such inspection and audit. Representatives of the City, Snohomish County Sheriff's Department, and/or the Washington State Auditor may copy such books, accounts and records where necessary to conduct or document an audit.

b. The Consultant shall preserve and make available all such books of account and records for a period of ~~three (3)~~ six (6) years after final payment under this Agreement. In the event that any audit or inspection identifies any discrepancy in such financial records, the Consultant shall provide the City with appropriate clarification and/or financial adjustments within thirty (30) calendar days of notification of the discrepancy.

c. Public Records. The parties agree that this Agreement and records related to the performance of the Agreement are, with limited exception, public records subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act RCW 42.56. Further, in the event of a Public Records Request to the City or the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department, the City or the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department may provide the Consultant with a copy of the

Records Request and the Consultant shall provide copies of any City or the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department records in Consultant's possession, necessary to fulfill that Public Records Request. If the Public Records Request is large the Consultant will provide the City or the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department with an estimate of reasonable time needed to fulfill the records request.

ARTICLE V. GENERAL.

V.1 NOTICES.
Notices to the City shall be sent to the following address:
Chief Carl Whalen
Mayor Steven Yarborough
107 5th Street
Gold Bar, WA 98251
(360)793-2836
Carl.Whalen@co.snohomish.wa.us
mayor@cityofgoldbar.us

Notices to the Consultant shall be sent to the following address:
Tiffany Krusey
Owner/ Director
P.O Box 2632
Stanwood, WA 98292
253-226-0266
tkrusey@bcs-wa.com

Receipt of any notice shall be deemed effective three (3) days after deposit of written notice in the U.S. mail with proper postage and address.

V.2 TERMINATION.
The right is reserved by the City to terminate this Agreement with in whole or in part at any time upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the Consultant. If this Agreement is terminated in its entirety by the City for its convenience, the City shall provide sixty (60) days' notice to the consultant and pay the Consultant for satisfactory services performed through the date of termination in accordance with payment provisions of Section IV.1.

V.3 DISPUTES.
The parties agree to attempt good faith resolution prior to litigation and may pursue mediation. Following reasonable attempts at negotiation and compromise, any unresolved dispute arising under this Agreement may be resolved by a mutually agreed-upon alternative dispute resolution of arbitration or mediation.

V.4 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT/MODIFICATION.

This Agreement, together with attachments or addenda, represents the entire and integrated Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended, modified or added to only by written instrument properly signed by both parties.

V.5 SEVERABILITY.
a. If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any part, term or provision of this Agreement to be illegal or invalid, in whole or in part, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and the parties' rights and obligations shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.
b. If any provision of this Agreement is in direct conflict with any statutory provision of the State of Washington, that provision which may conflict shall be deemed inoperative and null and void insofar as it may conflict, and shall be deemed modified to conform to such statutory provision.

V.6 NONWAIVER.
A waiver by either party hereto of a breach by the other party hereto of any covenant or condition of this Agreement shall not impair the right of the party not in default to avail itself of any subsequent breach thereof. Leniency, delay or failure of either party to insist upon strict performance of any agreement, covenant or condition of this Agreement, or to exercise any right herein given in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such agreement, covenant, condition or right.

V.7 FAIR MEANING.
The terms of this Agreement shall be given their fair meaning and shall not be construed in favor of or against either party hereto because of authorship. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by both of the parties.

V.8 GOVERNING LAW.
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

V.9 VENUE.
The venue for any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement shall lie in the Superior Court of Washington for Snohomish County, Washington.

V.10 AUTHORITY TO BIND PARTIES AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT.
The undersigned represent that they have full authority to enter into this Agreement and to bind the parties for and on behalf of the legal entities set forth below.

Signature page to follow.

CONSULTANT:	CITY OF GOLD BAR:
Bridge Coordination Services, LLC	
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

Department of Revenue
Washington State

Ordinance / Resolution No. 26-09

RCW 84.55.120

WHEREAS the Council (Governing body of the taxing district) of the City of Gold Bar (Name of the taxing district) has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was $ 278,946.40 (Previous year's levy amount); and

WHEREAS the population of this district is ☐ more than or ☒ less than 10,000; and now, therefore, (Check one)

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2027 (Year of collection) tax year.

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be $ 2,789.46 which is a percentage increase of 1 (Percentage increase)% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, any increase in the value of state assessed property, increment value, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

If additional signatures are necessary, please attach additional page.

This form or its equivalent must be submitted to your county assessor prior to their calculation of the property tax levies. A certified budget/levy request, separate from this form is to be filed with the County Legislative Authority no later than November 30th. As required by RCW 84.52.020, that filing certifies the total amount to be levied by the regular property tax levy. The Department of Revenue provides the "Levy Certification" form (REV 64 0100) for this purpose. The form can be found at: http://dor.wa.gov/docs/forms/PropTx/Forms/LevyCertf.doc.

To ask about the availability of this publication in an alternate format, please call 1-800-647-7706. Teletype (TTY) users may use the Washington Relay Service by calling 711. For tax assistance, call (360) 534-1400.

Department of Revenue
Washington State

Form 64 0100

Reset form

Levy Certification

Submit this document, or something similar, to the **county legislative authority on or before November 30** of the year preceding the year in which the levy amounts are to be collected.

Courtesy copy may be provided to the county assessor.

This form is not designed for the certification of levies under RCW 84.52.070.

In accordance with RCW 84.52.020, I Lisa Stowe *(Name)*, Clerk/Treasurer *(Title)*, for the City of Gold Bar *(District name)*, do hereby certify to the Snohomish *(Name of county)* County legislative authority that the Council *(Commissioners, Council, Board, etc.)* of said district requests that the following levy amounts be collected in 2027 *(Year of collection)* as provided in the district's budget, which was adopted following a public hearing held on 10/20/2026 *(Date of public hearing).*

Regular levies

Levy	General levy	Other levy*
Total certified levy request amount, which includes the amounts below.	283,000.00	
Administrative refund amount	2,000.62	
Non-voted bond debt amount		
Other*		

Excess levies

Levy	General (n/a for school districts)	Bond	Enrichment (school districts only)	Cap. project	Other levy*
Total certified levy request amount, which includes the amounts below.					
Administrative refund amount					
Other*					

*Examples of other levy types may include EMS, school district transportation, or construction levies. Examples of other amounts may include levy error correction or adjudicated refund amount. Please include a description when using the "other" options.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print form

To request this document in an alternate format, please complete the form dor.wa.gov/AccessibilityRequest or call 360-705-6705. Teletype (TTY) users please dial 711.

City of Gold Bar
EST. 1910

107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20th, 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 Public Works Director Norris, Clerk Stowe, and Chief Whalen. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough reviewed several meetings he attended, including the opening of Erinwood Trail, the installation of broadband for Index, and the City's Tree Board meeting, which needs a volunteer. Volunteers need to be city residents. He also sent out letters of support for DNR and State Parks.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen and deputies continue to deal with nuisance issues, suspicious activities, attending meetings, and changes to staffing. He is also working on the theft of the U.S. flag from the city hall. Sheriff Johnson and the county prosecutor would like to attend a council meeting to answer any questions. Councilmember Lie asked about a person sleeping under a bridge around Ley Road and said residents of the area have been vocal. Chief Whalen said that deputies respond to multiple calls in that area, but the majority are parking issues and locals not stopping at signs. He has received no calls reporting illegal camping or ordinance violations and deputies continue to monitor the bridges.

Director Norris talked about maintenance work including installation of new transfer switches for wells, booster pumps, stormwater, the retirement of a staff member, and posting of an open maintenance position. Councilmember Lie and Director Norris talked about a home with a temporary pump installed for a flooding crawl space and camping at the old Loth Lumber site that city staff are addressing with the property owner. Councilmember Russell and Director Norris talked about watermain replacement and that the city still has roughly twenty percent remaining to replace.

Clerk Stowe presented a plaque received from AWC Risk Management in recognition of the city's work to reduce risk in 2026. Along with that, the city received a small loss control grant that she hopes to use for a new defibrillator for the city hall.

Office Manager Beaston continues to deal with loose dogs and issues with people posting on social media rather than calling the city hall for animal control. Councilmember Russell commended her work on code violations relating to a property and how much better the area now looks.

Prior to moving into the next portion of the agenda, Mayor Yarbrough reminded people of conduct during public comment times. He also said he forgot to mention during his mayor report that Snohomish County Council approved the conservation grant for the potential purchase of property, which will have an appraisal done prior to any potential offer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears asked about the need for executive session as required by law for property purchases. The Council will hold one when it is time to discuss whether to move forward and to review potential offers. Councilmember Sears also offered congratulations to staff member Art Stowe on his retirement.

Councilmember Lie spoke on multiple topics including Snohomish County Tomorrow, the status of a vacant house, and encouraging voters to use drop boxes.

Councilmember Martin also encouraged the use of drop boxes and asked if the city tracked water usage relating to leakage, which it does.

Councilmember Russell talked about the work law enforcement did in helping Office Manager Beaston with code violations, increased safety in the area, how much he appreciated their help, and that he is seeing more compliance with the new regulations around e-bikes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clerk Stowe received a written public comment opposing the potential purchase of land for a pedestrian path from Alicia Flansburg, which was sent out to councilmembers.

Danielle (no last name given) expressed gratitude for council service but wanted to address the last meeting. She said people felt dismissed and disappointed, and that Councilmember Lie's comments about disgruntled people on Birch Court were disrespectful. She said the council encourages participation, but when citizens do, they are met with condescension. She acknowledged Director Norris, saying he was consistently helpful and professional. She then asked that the council be better leaders, more collaborative, and that they treat residents who show up and participate with respect.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:27 for the purpose of reviewing the 2027 budget and ordinance #796 amending municipal codes. She reviewed the public hearing rules and no councilmember had reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

Discussion around the 2027 budget included loss of tax revenue, review of budget details, an engineered study of stormwater, 2027 grants and projects, potential changes to prosecution services, a request for new speed bumps which can be utilized with funds from capital revenue, assisting the street fund, reduction of water assessment fees and increases to stormwater fees, stormwater services, what projects are necessary and which can be postponed, replacement of old vehicles, and the use of beginning funds. There were no public comments. Mayor Yarbrough thanked Director Norris and Clerk Stowe for their work on the budget.

Ordinance #796 was presented for a second reading and action. The consensus of the council was to table this ordinance until after the first of the year. There were no public comments.

With no further action, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing. With a second by Councilmember Russell the hearing was adjourned at 8:09 and the council returned to the regular agenda.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #799 Closing Funds. This ordinance relating to the former USDA loan was presented for a second reading and action. Councilmember Sears moved to approve the ordinance and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

Ordinance #800 Banning Family Burials. This ordinance was presented for an introduction and first reading. There was discussion around potential conflicts, property values, that the regulation does not include cremation, authorization under existing RCWs, public health, and small lots. Councilmember Sears moved to accept the ordinance for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Consultant Agreement. There was discussion around the agreement, the letter the city finally received from the Department of Commerce with requirements, the housing element of the Comprehensive Plan, changes in state legislation, the current budget for consultation services, the assistance received by AWC and legislators, implications for obtaining grants if the work isn't done, and that the Council will approve final amendments. After discussion the consensus of the council was to move forward with the existing consultant agreement.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie responded to the earlier citizen comment regarding council behavior. He agreed with every comment she made and said that he was on the council because he did not trust city hall. He said he was treated poorly by previous regimes, that the city hall had been a den of stupid secrets for over twenty years, and he had to submit a public records request just to get the information that Director Norris summarized earlier. He said he was willing to meet with her and that he was the one who was their champion to decrease short-term rentals.

Councilmember Russell said he has never worked with a finer group.

Councilmember Craig has concerns about electric vehicles, appreciated the citizen comment, and promised to do better.

COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the October 6th, 2026, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 39451 through 39478 and EFTs, with $83,745.10 for claims and $2,727.33 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of $86,472.43 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 8:31 pm.

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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar — Time: 08:05:35 Date: 10/28/2026

10/21/2026 To: 11/03/2026 —

Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
1985	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Denise J Beaston	3,648.10	
1986	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Krystal Craig	5.96	
1987	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Lance Hunt	3,998.11	
1988	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Anthony Johnson	3,349.70	
1989	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Chuck Lie	90.96	
1990	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Florence D Martin	90.96	
1991	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Richard D Norris	5,857.94	
1992	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Lee Russell	90.96	
1993	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Jordan Sears	90.96	
1996	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Steven Yarbrough	909.63	
2000	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Coastal Community Bank	10,652.42	941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 - 10/27/2026
1984	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39479	Richard L Baker	4,710.13	
1994	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39480	Arthur Stowe	1,685.20	
1995	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39481	Lisa M Stowe	5,329.19	
1999	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39482	Vimly Benefit Solutions AWC Employee Ben.trust	8,905.85	Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - WDS PLAN D; Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - Basic Life; Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - HealthFirst; Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - VSP
2003	10/27/2026	Claims	7	39483	Coastal Community Bank		should have been EFT
2001	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39484	Dept Of Retirement Systems	4,344.67	Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - PERS 2
2002	10/27/2026	Payroll	7	39485	MissionSquare	75.00	Pay Cycle(s) 10/27/2026 To 10/27/2026 - ICMA
2006	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39486	Amazon Capital Services	362.13	
2007	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39487	Elite Lock & Safe	589.12	Startup Water
2008	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39488	Dept. of Natural Resource Financial Management	83.00	Annual Fee
2009	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39489	ICONIX Waterworks	1,072.24	
2010	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39490	Kelley Create Co.	201.32	
2011	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39491	Platt	133.56	
2012	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39492	Puget Sound Energy	71.59	
2013	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39493	S&B Inc	7,751.01	
2014	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39494	Sno County District Court	812.74	
2015	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39495	Sno County Human Svcs	151.09	
2016	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39496	Sno County PUD	1,303.11	
2017	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39497	Sound Publishing	17.20	
2018	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39498	Verizon Wireless	281.80	
2019	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39499	Washington Fire Safety Supply	247.80	
2020	11/03/2026	Claims	7	39500	Ziply Fiber	114.51	

001 General Government	23,105.10		
101 City Street	3,316.37		
401 Water Operating	30,991.11		
415 Stormwater Fund	9,615.38		
		Claims:	13,192.22
	67,027.96	Payroll:	53,835.74