Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 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 – ORDINANCE #802 2027 BUDGET, INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE #800, FAMILY BURIALS – SECOND READING AND ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE #801 AMENDING 2026 BUDGET – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL	**November 3, 2026**	

VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	**CLAIMS**	**PAYROLL & TAXES**	**TOTAL**
39501 – 39531 and EFTs	**$52,296.27**	**$1,000.00**	**$53,296.27**

ADJOURNMENT

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910

107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026
7:00 PM Via Zoom & In person

City of Gold Bar Public Hearing, 2027 Budget, November 17th, 2026, 7:00 pm, at 107 5th St., Gold Bar. 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.

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 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #802

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer for the City of Gold Bar, Washington completed a proposed budget and estimate of the amount of moneys required to meet the public expenses, bond retirement and interest, reserve funds and expenses of government of said City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027, and notice was published that the Council of said City would meet for the purpose of making and adopting a budget for said fiscal year and giving taxpayers within the limits of said City an opportunity to be heard upon said budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did meet and did consider the matter of the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget does not exceed the lawful limit of taxation allowed by law to be levied on the property within the City of Gold Bar for the purposes set forth in said budget, and the estimated expenditures set forth in said budget being all necessary to carry on the government of said City for said year, and being sufficient to meet the various needs of the City during said period;

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

Section I, Budget
Section II, Estimated balances
Section III, Certified Copy
Section IV, Severability
Section V, Effective Date

Section I

The budget for the City of Gold Bar, Washington, for the fiscal year 2027 is hereby adopted in its final form and content as set forth in the Excel document entitled '2027 Budget' which is on file in the office of City Treasurer.

Section II

Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Gold Bar, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined, for the year 2027 are set forth in the summary form known as 'Ordinance #802 Attachment A', hereby attached, and are hereby appropriated for revenues and expenditures.

Section III

The City Treasurer is directed to transmit a copy of the budget hereby adopted to the Washington State Auditor, the Association of Washington Cities, and any other government entity requiring copies of said budget.

Section IV

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

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

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

Attest:

_____
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:

_____
Mayor

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

2027 Budget Ordinance #802 Attachment A

Fund Description	Estimated Beg. Bal.	Revenue	Transfers In	Total Revenue	Expenditures	Transfers Out	Total Expenditures	Estimated Ending Balance
001 - General	$ 1,182,500.81	$ 1,207,260.00	$ -	$ 2,389,760.81	$ 1,207,260.00	$ -	$ 1,207,260.00	$ 1,182,500.81
101 - Street	$ 75,750.34	$ 64,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 164,750.34	$ 89,000.00	$ -	$ 89,000.00	$ 75,750.34
103 - Park Impact	$ 81,095.79	$ 5,800.00	$ -	$ 86,895.79	$ 80,000.00	$ -	$ 80,000.00	$ 6,895.79
104 - Street Impact	$ 63,609.64	$ 3,600.00	$ -	$ 67,209.64	$ 55,000.00	$ -	$ 55,000.00	$ 12,209.64
301 - Capital Projects	$ 653,787.25	$ 174,282.00	$ -	$ 828,069.25	$ 174,282.00	$ -	$ 174,282.00	$ 653,787.25
302 - Grants	$ 49,880.01	$ 1,212,000.00	$ -	$ 1,261,880.01	$ 1,212,000.00	$ -	$ 1,212,000.00	$ 49,880.01
401 - Water	$ 881,814.65	$ 565,700.00	$ -	$ 1,447,514.65	$ 565,700.00	$ -	$ 565,700.00	$ 881,814.66
403 - Water Capital	$ 1,748,093.06	$ 1,162,530.00	$ -	$ 2,910,623.06	$ 1,162,530.00	$ -	$ 1,162,530.00	$ 1,748,093.06
415 - Stormwater	$ 193,729.14	$ 207,945.00	$ -	$ 401,674.14	$ 207,945.00	$ -	$ 207,945.00	$ 193,729.14
633 - Agency	$ 72.75	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 10,072.75	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 10,000.00	$ 72.75
Total Proposed 2026 Budget	**$ 4,930,333.44**	**$ 4,613,117.00**	**$ 25,000.00**	**$ 9,568,450.44**	**$ 4,763,717.00**	**$ -**	**$ 4,763,717.00**	**$ 4,804,733.44**

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: _____

CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #801

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE #788, SAID ORDINANCE BEING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 2026.

WHEREAS, expenditures are anticipated to exceed budgetary estimates; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 budget to authorize spending authority for funds;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS as follows:

Section I, Budget
Section II, General Fund (001)
Section III, Reserve Fund (404)
Section IV, Water Emergency Fund (405)
Section V, Water Debt Fund (407)
Section VI, Stormwater Fund (415)
Section VII, Severability
Section VIII, Effective Date

Section I, Budget

The budget for the City of Gold Bar, Washington, for the fiscal year 2026, as fixed and determined by the Council at a public hearing on November 4th, 2025, and as adopted by Ordinance #788 at the Council meeting of November 18th, 2025, is hereby amended as set forth in detail and by reference.

Section II, General Fund (001)

The General Fund is hereby amended to authorize additional expenditures of $90,000.

Section III, Reserve Fund (404)

The Reserve Fund is hereby amended to authorize additional expenditures of $74,359.64.

Section IV, Water Emergency Fund (405)

The Water Emergency Fund is hereby amended to authorize additional expenditures of $85,000.

Section V, Water Debt Fund (407)

The Water Debt Fund is hereby amended to authorize additional expenditures of $255,638.19.

Section VI, Stormwater Fund (415)

The Stormwater Fund is hereby amended to authorize additional expenditures of $6,000.

Section VII, 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 VIII, Effective Date

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

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

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____, Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

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

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EST. 1910
107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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, Martin, and Russell. Staff members present in person included Public Works Director Norris, Clerk Stowe, and Chief Whalen. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

Councilmember Martin moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Lie and Sears, and Mayor Yarbrough and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell said that the city had received an appraisal on the property on Ley Road.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls for service, traffic stops, and security checks at local areas. There are no updates on the theft of the city hall flag. He attended a meeting in Index related to bear activity and attended the recent Trunk or Treat. He also said October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and said there had been fifty-nine domestic violence calls within city limits.

Director Norris and staff completed the new fencing at Stickney Mountain Place. He and Office Manager Beaston conducted a site inspection at local marijuana businesses to determine where the odor is coming from. The city attorney will draft a letter to owners. He also said service lines were installed where three new homes are to be built.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Craig attended the meeting about bear activity in Index and thinks work can be done in Sky Valley such as securing trash.

Councilmember Russell talked about research he did on police density, the ratio of police officers to the population, how Gold Bar fits in those density studies, and the decrease in crime over the past five years. He feels the decrease relates to a statistical program and congratulated Chief Whalen and former Chief Hess on utilizing that program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Light said the city should be proud of its staff and talked about their professionalism. He worked with Director Norris and Office Manager Beaston on their site visit to marijuana businesses and said they were both professional and polite. He also commended Chief Whalen on the decrease in crime.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #800 Banning Family Burials. Councilmember Craig moved to table action on this ordinance until Councilmembers Lie and Sears were present and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Bridge Services Agreement. Clerk Stowe presented the amended agreement for domestic violence services. There was one final change needed to add an annual cap amount for costs. Councilmember Craig moved to accept the agreement as amended and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #26-09, Property Taxes and Levy Certification. This resolution is the annual 1% increase in property taxes. Councilmember Martin moved to accept the resolution and certification and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell spoke about bear activity and how to prevent issues, including securing garbage, bear-proof containers, not putting garbage out the night before, and utilizing lights and sound to discourage visits.

Councilmember Martin talked about the use of mothballs in garbage containers.

Councilmember Craig suggested adding wording about bear prevention on the back of utility bills, which Director Norris will do. There are bear-proof garbage containers available from Waste Management for an additional cost.

COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Craig moved to approve the October 20th, 2026, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 39479 through 39500 and EFTs, with $13,192.22 for claims and $53,835.74 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of $67,027.96 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmembers Martin and Craig, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Lee Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar — Time: 06:55:29 Date: 11/12/2026

11/04/2026 To: 11/17/2026 —

Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
2079	11/10/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Denise J Beaston	800.00	
2067	11/04/2026	Claims	7	39501	US Postal Service	404.31	Utility Billing
2078	11/10/2026	Payroll	7	39502	Richard L Baker	200.00	
2085	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39503	Amazon Capital Services	613.43	
2086	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39504	VantagePoint Appraisal Appraiser NW, LLC	800.00	Ley Rd. Appraisal
2087	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39505	Arlington Electric	24,662.06	Transfer Switch
2088	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39506	Citi Cards	2,842.95	
2089	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39507	City Of Everett	260.00	
2090	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39508	City Of Gold Bar	552.04	
2091	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39509	Comcast Business	356.63	
2092	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39510	Core & Main LP	442.90	
2093	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39511	Dept Of Corrections	224.32	
2094	11/17/2026	Claims	7	E39512	Dept Of Revenue-Excise Tax	1,842.52	
2095	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39513	Evergreen Rural Water	3,405.15	Johnson Apprentice, Baker Training
2096	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39514	ICONIX Waterworks	1,289.67	
2097	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39515	Lowe's Business Account	64.09	
2098	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39516	Monroe Parts House, Inc. NAPA	513.09	
2099	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39517	Northstar Chemical, Inc.	4,445.83	
2100	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39518	Petty Cash	94.13	
2101	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39519	Reiner Pump Systems, Inc.	620.59	Freight For Inv. RB127WA
2102	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39520	SafeChecks	708.93	City Checks
2103	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39521	Sno County PUD	1,907.39	
2104	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39522	Sno County Prosecuting Attorn	1,730.45	
2105	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39523	Sno County Sheriff's Office	725.20	
2106	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39524	Sound Publishing	96.00	
2107	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39525	Utilities Underground	12.48	
2108	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39526	Waste Management	812.73	
2109	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39527	Ziply Fiber	49.91	
2110	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39528	Ziply Fiber	327.51	
2111	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39529	Ziply Fiber	57.63	
2112	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39530	Ziply Fiber	114.51	
2113	11/17/2026	Claims	7	39531	West Coast Code Consultants, Inc.	2,319.82	

001 General Government	9,487.55		
101 City Street	2,274.25		
103 Park Impact Fee Fund	27.42		
401 Water Operating	15,080.61		
403 Water Capital Improvement	25,282.65		
415 Stormwater Fund	1,143.79		
		Claims:	52,296.27
	53,296.27	Payroll:	1,000.00