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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024  
WORKSHOP, 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM AND VIRTUAL  
250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**1. Discussion Topics**

- a. CMU Proposal
- b. Tax-Exemption for Secondhand Store

**2. City Council Communication**

An unstructured time for Councilmembers to discuss current matters, share ideas for possible future consideration by Council, and provide information from board & commission participation.

**3. Next Workshop Topics**

**4. Other Business**

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*What is the purpose of a Workshop?*

The purpose of the Workshop is to facilitate City Council discussion through analyzing information, studying issues, and clarifying problems. The less formal setting of the Workshop promotes conversation regarding items and topics that may be considered at a future City Council meeting.

*How can I provide my input about a topic on tonight's Workshop agenda?*

Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send an email (addresses found here <https://www.gjcity.org/313/City-Council>) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504);
2. Provide information to the City Manager ([citymanager@gjcity.org](mailto:citymanager@gjcity.org)) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated the next business day.

3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during “Public Comments.”
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**Grand Junction City Council**

**Workshop Session**

**Item #1.a.**

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**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2024

**Presented By:**

**Department:** City Council

**Submitted By:**

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**Information**

**SUBJECT:**

CMU Proposal

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

**Attachments**

None



**Grand Junction City Council**

**Workshop Session**

**Item #1.b.**

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**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2024  
**Presented By:** Cody Kennedy, Councilmember  
**Department:** City Manager's Office  
**Submitted By:** Jennifer Tomaszewski

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**Information**

**SUBJECT:**

Tax-Exemption for Secondhand Store

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff received a request from a Council member for discussion related to the consideration of a sales tax exemption for secondhand stores. Staff prepared additional information to assist with this discussion.

**BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:**

Based on the request for consideration of a sales tax exemption for secondhand stores, staff brought forward additional information to assist with the discussion.

To help put context to the volume of sales tax collected by secondhand stores, the City collects approximately \$675,000 in sales tax per year from approximately 32-34 businesses. These consist of various business types, including pawn stores, high-end antique shops, thrift stores, used sports equipment and games, clothing consignment, auction, and estate sales.

The City Municipal Code provides exemptions for items already considered exempt from sales tax. Below are a few of these exemptions, which are listed in Municipal Code section 3.12.070, including:

- All sales of food
- Utilities (such as electricity and gas)
- Sale and purchase of medical supplies
- Direct sale to charitable organizations in conduct of its functions and activities
- Sales made by schools, school activity booster organizations, and student classes if proceeds are used for the benefit of the school or student organization.

It's also important to note that Municipal Code section 3.12.050 states:

*"The sales tax levied by GJMC [3.12.030\(a\)](#) shall apply to the purchase price of the following:*

*(a) Tangible personal property that is sold, leased or rented, **whether or not such property has been included in a previous taxable transaction.**"*

The last item to consider relates to the 2024 budget. Given the recent changes from the Colorado Legislature special session, which resulted in an estimated decrease in property tax revenues of \$600,000, this would further impact the deficit created going into the 2024 budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact at this time. This report is for discussion purposes only.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Staff has no recommendation at this time. This item was presented for discussion purposes and information only.

**Attachments**

None