

Verbatim
 Formal City Council Meeting
 October 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.
 Item 20k

Mayor Gordon	Item Number 20 holding out 20k and is it 20ay Councilman Waring.
Mr. Waring	Yes and I would also like to pull out Item o.
Mayor Gordon	So is there a motion on – lets do Item 20 holding out 20k, 20ay, and 20o. Let’s do 20. So we are going to vote on - and noting that 20ax has been withdrawn. Is there a motion to approve 20 holding out 20k, 20ay, 20o and noting that 20ax has been withdrawn.
Mr. Simplot	So moved.
Mayor Gordon	So motion and is there a second?
Mr. Nowakowski	Second.
Mayor Gordon	Roll Call
City Clerk	DiCiccio-yes; Gates-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Mattox-yes; Nowakowski-yes; Simplot-yes; Waring-yes; Gordon-yes.
Mayor Gordon	Councilman Waring can – it would be your call - will your comments apply to all of them and then we can vote on them separate or...
Mr. Waring	Well I have comments on 20ay and 20o and they are distinct comments I think.
Mayor Gordon	Okay let’s do 20k. Councilman why don’t you make your comments.
Mr. Waring	Well I understand that we are continuing 20k.
City Manager David Cavazos	There is a continuance request Mayor on 20k.

Mayor Gordon	Is there a motion to continue 20k?
Mr. Nowakowski	Mayor I would like to make a motion to continue 20k.
Mr. Waring	I do have comments if you are dying to hear them.
Mr. Nowakowski	To our formal November 2 meeting.
Mr. Simplot	Second.
Mr. DiCiccio	And Mayor I have questions of staff on that one.
Mayor Gordon	Councilman Waring and Councilman DiCiccio.
Mr. DiCiccio	No go ahead.
Mr. Waring	Well I'm – on Item 20k it seemed like a lot to pay for chairs – so I would request that staff go back and try to find either a cheaper alternative or if we can find some other way to pay for them. It certainly jumped off the page. We are spending \$15,000 on 22 chairs.
Mayor Gordon	Councilman DiCiccio.
Mr. DiCiccio	And Mayor they fell in line with Councilman Waring's comments on that and I know that we've got someone from Fire here. It comes up right around \$700 a chair. It just seems extraordinary in this day and age for us to be spending that kind of money on lounge chairs. My challenge to you, if you could, I see that the Firefighter Union pays for the TV sets and the or the big screens or whatever they are in the fire houses – my challenge to you is to go out and find public donations to cover this cost. I mean the public- you know there is a lot of stress in the economy right now, there are a lot of people losing their homes and their jobs and the comments I've heard back from individuals were along the lines of this just seems extraordinary for the City of Phoenix to be paying this kind of money for a chair. So I challenge you to go out, find donations, go to the union, see if they would be willing to donate this. The second thing I would like to ask of staff is this \$15,000 – how many after school programs, kids – I mean how many kids can we put into after school programs with this money? It comes from the General fund so I'd like to get an idea of how much that would be. And the additional 50 that get replaced every year. Look at those chairs, go out to the private sector, do what everybody else does, and go out there and try and find people that donate that kind of money.

Mr. Cavazos	Mayor.
Mayor Gordon	Okay and if somebody, either the Manager or Fire, wants to comment, if not those were questions you can get us and we can discuss it at the meeting because we've got a motion to continue.
Mr. Cavazos	Mayor members of the City Council we appreciate those comments. We've had other comments from Council Members concerns, concerns from citizens and what we would like to do is ask for a continuance till we can address those concerns and come back with that information at the next formal meeting.
Mayor Gordon	Thank you. Would anyone else want to make a comment or not? Okay there's a motion to continue, I think there was a second, is that correct.
Mr. Nowakowski	Yes.
Mayor Gordon	Correct. All those in favor say aye. Motion passes. (There was no one voting in opposition)