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Alternative Ballot Discussion:

>> S. DiCiccio: Thank you, Mayor.

I just have a couple quick comments.

I know everybody wants to leave so I will make it very quick.

But I think this shows what occurred here at the City of Phoenix.

There are two major things that happened here.

One, in this non-transparent process to try to rush these two items to the ballot in order to compete with the citizen-driven initiative, the City of Phoenix has spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars for this failed effort and in a time when we should be spending that time on police officers on our streets.

The second thing is that it also shows that the clear conflict of interest at city hall dealing with this issue.

All you have to do is read those initiatives, those plans that were put together by city staff and you will see that the clear intent there was to kill the citizen-driven initiative.

The third and most important thing that it did is it showed the true cost of pension spiking.

And I know the media and others have been talking about how pension spiking has stopped at the City of Phoenix in a convoluted message but it has not stopped.

It shows that if the citizen-driven initiative goes forward, it will save over \$380 million, taxpayer dollars on spiking alone for copiers.

That represents the spiking number right now today at about \$19 million a year that the City of Phoenix is continuing to move forward on.

The City of Phoenix spikes pensions \$19 million a year according to the reports that were generated here by the Cherion group.

I will be supporting the motion.

I'm glad we're doing this.

I think it shows what occurs behind closed doors at city hall in order to fight citizen-driven initiatives that would true make lasting pension reform.

The citizen-driven initiative, this will allow it to stand on its own as it should.

Thank you, Mayor.

I will be supporting the motion.

>> Mayor Stanton: Thank you very much.

So the motion is to table and I was told earlier there was not supposed to be a debate.

It is not supporting it or denying it.

It is dealing with it at a later time.

All in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes]

Any opposed?

That passes unanimously.