

Community news roundup for Broward County

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Sunrise Police union seeks more favorable pension terms

Unhappy with a proposed employment contract with the city, new leaders of the police officers' union have asked city officials to consider more favorable terms to fund their pension benefits. The union has sought to contribute 9.84 percent of their annual salaries to cover pension costs indefinitely, rather than for each of the next three years.

"That is the main sticking point," said Mike Broksch, president of the Fraternal Order of Police's Sunrise chapter. The officers' employment contract expired Sept. 30.

Employees of companies typically contribute a fixed amount to their retirement, instead of receiving guaranteed sums based on their tenure. In Sunrise, the city and police officers share some pension costs.

Commissioners declined to comment specifically on the contract negotiations, citing confidentiality rules barring the public disclosure of contract negotiations.