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Boca Raton City Council Balks at Potential \$150 Million in Savings

Boca Raton, Florida: In a closed door meeting, Boca Raton City Council members met in an executive session to discuss the possibility of opening the firefighters' contract to specifically talk about Police Officers' and Firefighters' retirement plan funding issues. The city has been in talks with the firefighters and police officers in hopes of achieving \$5 million dollars of immediate savings. In an effort to help the city reach their goal, John Luca, President of the firefighters' union and his leadership team were ready to meet and start the dialogue. Unconscionably, when the doors opened, the city refused to meet with the firefighters. Instead they choose to wait on an independent study, which could cost the city in excess of \$40,000 and would take nearly 6 months to complete. Opening the contract at this time would have a potential savings of \$150 million dollars over the next thirty years. President Luca is calling a press conference at 11am on Monday, February 25, at Fire Station #5, located at 2333 West Glades Road, to discuss the City's decision. Boca Raton Police Detective Kelly Shifflet, President of The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 38 will also be on hand for the conference.