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SUNRISE APPROVES NO-BID \$432,000 ATTORNEY DEAL

Miami Herald Staff Report

Before a packed and sometimes skeptical audience last week, the Sunrise City Commission voted to award a no-bid legal contract worth at least \$432,000 to the husband and law associate of Broward Commissioner Ilene Lieberman.

The contract puts Stuart Michelson at or near the highest paid city and county attorneys in the state.

Commissioners who voted to hire Michelson to be part-time city attorney said it would save the city about \$30,000 in legal expenses.

The vote was 3-1, with Mayor Steven Feren abstaining.

Feren, who is using **Michelson** as the treasurer of his campaign for a seat on the Broward Circuit Court bench, advocated forcefully for hiring **Michelson** from the dais. He announced his abstention after **Michelson** had the three votes he needed.

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