

Today's Lead: New Mayor Must Grapple With Labor Contracts

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Whoever the next mayor may be, one of the biggest issues they'll need to handle will be working out deals on all the expired labor union contracts, the [Wall Street Journal](#) points out today. Although it's not exactly breaking news, the issue hasn't been much of a headline-grabber during this campaign season of sex scandals and intimate revelations. Critics say that Democratic candidates have voiced little substance on the issue, while Republicans have taken a hard line. The issues include years of retroactive raises, and having employees pay a larger percent of their health coverage. The stakes are high - in the billions and lasting years - and other municipalities may look to the city as a model.

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