

Co.; Winkworth Fuel & Supply; West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Garlick, Oakman, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.

Nays—None.

**Recorder's Court**

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of acquisition of land for off-street parking and other municipal public purposes, located at Grand River Avenue and Joy Road rendered a verdict in favor of said acquisition March 10, 1952, which was confirmed by the Court March 19, 1952.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BURKE MONTGOMERY, Clerk.  
Received and placed on file.

**Recorder's Court**

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of acquisition of land for Civic Center and other municipal public purposes, located in area bounded by Woodward, Randolph, Detroit River and the north side of Woodbridge rendered a verdict in favor of said acquisition February 26, 1952, which was confirmed by the Court March 19, 1952.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BURKE MONTGOMERY, Clerk.  
Received and placed on file.

**Street Railways**

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to our advertisement, proposals were received as shown on the attached tabulation.

Material: Rear Chassis Springs for Mack Coaches.

Quantity: 75.

Date: March 18, 1952.

Low Bidder: Detroit Cylinder Grinding Co. (Not in accordance with specifications).

Bidder Recommended: Maremont Automotive Products, Inc. (Cash discount considered).

Price: \$50.71 Each.

Total Amt. of Purchase: \$3,803.25.

Number of Companies Contacted: 12.

Number of Bids Received: 3.

Previous Price: \$44.55 Each.

Months' Requirements: Three.

Remarks: Price is F.O.B. delivered and subject to cash discount of 2% 30 Days.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. SMITH,

Supv. of Purchases and Supplies

Approved:

LEO J. NOWICKI,

General Manager.

By Councilman Garlick:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Street Railways be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Maremont Automotive Products, Inc., for furnishing Rear Chassis Springs for Mack Coaches, in amounts and at prices listed in the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Garlick, Oakman, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.

Nays—None.

**Streets and Traffic**

February 14, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—At about this time a year ago the traffic signal program was developed for the fiscal year of 1951-52. In order to obtain materials in time, much of which required up to a year for delivery, advances totaling \$300,000 were made against this year's appropriation. Total appropriation of \$735,000 was allowed for the signal program this year. This amount together with a slight carry-over from 1950-51 and \$100,000 advanced in November, 1951, against the 1952-53 appropriation for material purchases make a total of \$859,253.92 available for the current program and the advance ordering of materials for 1952-53.

The necessity for planning this large program so far in advance and thus having to estimate material and labor needs has resulted in a shortage of funds necessary to complete the work approved for this fiscal year.

Materials which have been purchased or which are on order amount to \$628,411.56. The necessity of writing these requisitions considerably in advance of bid awards has resulted in many cases in actual purchase prices being above estimates due to price increases. The attached table details the differences between estimates and actual costs for these orders. The net amount expended for materials exceeded the estimated cost by \$38,144.77.

In addition to the increase in material costs there was an increase of 7% in labor costs due to rate increases applied on July 1, 1951. As our estimates on this program had been prepared six months earlier this also effected the funds available for completing the work. Labor costs for this fiscal year will amount to about \$260,000 which is \$17,000 higher than estimated due to the rate increases.