

Co. be corrected to show additional discount at 5% as set forth in foregoing communication; and further

Resolved, That price increases on contracts with A. G. Spalding & Bros. for Golf Balls, Consolidated Oil Co. Inc. for Fuel Oil, and J. T. Ryerson & Co. for Wire Rope, in accordance with foregoing communication, be and the same are hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Purchases and Supplies

January 12, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—When this department took over the operation of the Farmers' Public Markets, we found the Lunchroom Concessions had been paying 5% of gross revenue for the privilege. On the basis of inquiries, we found that a rate of 10 to 12% was customary for comparable operations, and we accordingly advertised for bids for a three year contract. The rate we obtained at the Eastern Market was 15%, and at the Western Market 15.19% of the gross sales. This included Cigarettes which are sold at a much lower profit than food.

Under date of August 26, 1952, your Honorable Body granted an extension of three years at the Eastern Market in return for the concessionaire's erecting, at his own expense, and deeding to the City a fourth unit in the upper section of the market, making four operating units in all. This has improved the service and increased the City's revenue.

The concession at the Western Market is held with Jerry Boglarsky and is due to expire on March 31, 1954. His operation, as in the case of the concession at the Eastern Market, has been handled in a very satisfactory manner. The gross sales at the Western Market have increased from \$28,000.00 prior to his operation in 1950, to \$34,000.00 in 1953, being an increase of 21½%, although the patronage in 1950 was 16½% higher than at present. It is our feeling that the percentage of return is at the highest level which it can be without having an adverse effect on the quality of the goods sold and the gross sales to be made.

We, therefore, respectfully request permission to continue these contracts in effect at the present rates, with the City reserving the right to discontinue the arrangement on thirty days' notice whenever, in our opinion, such action is deemed to be in the City's best interests.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN L. FUNK, Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Pur-

chases & Supplies be and is hereby authorized to extend contracts (upon expiration of same), for Lunchroom Concessions with Bernard Bocknek dba Reliable Lunch, Inc., at Eastern Market and with Jerry Boglarsky at Western Market on the same percentage basis as is now in effect, reserving the right to discontinue same upon 30 days' notice; all as outlined in foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

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 opening of Southern Avenue between Lonyo Road and Central Avenue rendered a verdict in favor of said acquisition December 18, 1953, which was confirmed by the Court January 6, 1954.

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.

Department of Street Railways

January 5, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

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

Material: Shift Cylinder Solenoid Assemblies. Quantity: 150. Low Bidder: Mack Motor Truck Corporation. Price: \$16.72. Total Amount of Purchase: \$2,508.00. Number of Companies Contacted: 4. Number of Bids Received: 2. Previous Price: \$17.95 Each. Months' Requirements: Three. Remarks: Price is f.o.b. delivered.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. SMITH,

Supv. of Purchases and Supplies.

Approved:

LEO J. NOWICKI,

General Manager.

Department of Street Railways

January 5, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to our advertisement for proposals for furnishing this Department with Clutch Parts in accordance with specifications on file in this office, four bids were received and opened December 30, 1953 as shown on the attached tabulation. Inquiries were forwarded to sixteen companies.