

On the New York Futures Exchange, coffee for July delivery is 44c—suggesting still lower prices. At retail, too, coffee prices move down in the wake of last week's wholesale cuts of up to 4c Lb. by big roasters.

"Early forecasts put world exportable production for the next crop year, beginning July 1st, at 37 million bags—almost 4 million above 1954-55.

"Representatives of 16 coffee growing countries meet in New York Thursday to work on a price stabilization pact.

"Top producing Brazil already tries to prop prices. It has bought 3.1 million bags of the current crop, enough to supply the world's coffee thirst for more than a month.

"Lower prices may cure the surplus headache. World consumption now runs 30 million bags—10% less than before the big price climb."

We would also like to call your attention to the attached clipping from the Detroit Free Press of yesterday, May 30, 1955, which substantiates our recommendation that coffee should not be bought for a six month term under present conditions.

With this new information, we deemed it extremely unwise to contract for a six months' supply. We, therefore, strongly urge that your Honorable Body will approve our request to withdraw this recommendation so that bids may be solicited on a shorter term basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
HAZEN L. FUNK,  
Commissioner.

**FILE NO. 4959**

Four bids were received as a result of ten solicitations, as per tabulation:

For furnishing the City of Detroit with Coffee, for a period of Approximately Six Months, starting about May 26, 1954, and ending when the full quantities listed below have been delivered.

This is estimated at \$23,570.20.

To: Standard Coffee Company of Detroit

25,000 lbs.—Urn and Silex Grind, in 1 lb. pkgs., \$.573 per lb.

Price: Firm.

Terms: 1 per cent—30 days.

To: Becharas Coffee Company of Detroit

4,000 lbs.—Silex Grind, 8 Cup (2½ or 3 oz.) pkgs., \$.5777 per lb.

16,000 lbs. — Whole Bean, Fresh Roasted, Institutional Blend, \$.4334 per lb.

Price: Subject to decrease only.

Terms: Net 30 days.

F.O.B. Delivered on both above.

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Purchases & Supplies be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Standard Coffee Co. and Becharas Bros. Coffee Co. for furnishing the City of Detroit with Coffee.

on terms and in accordance with the foregoing communication.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

**Recorder's Court**

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that a jury duly empanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of acquisition of land for widening of a north and south alley in block bounded by Scotten, Hubbard, Fort and Spring Streets, rendered a verdict in favor of said acquisition May 6, 1955, which was confirmed by the Court May 25th, 1955.

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.

**Streets and Traffic**

May 25, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are enclosing two lists of traffic control devices, dated April 29 and May 18, 1955, recently installed or discontinued. These lists were approved by our Commission at its regular meeting of May 23, 1955.

We are submitting these lists for the approval of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. F. MALO,  
Director,

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That the traffic regulations, as listed in the communication from the Dept. of Streets and Traffic, dated May 25, 1955, and the discontinuance of restrictions as listed therein, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed; and further

Resolved, That any regulations or restriction in conflict with the foregoing be and the same are hereby rescinded:

Provided, That the traffic regulations adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(a) of Chapter 325 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1954 are properly indicated by signs, signals, markings or other devices as authorized by the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 45 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1954; and further

Provided, The traffic regulations listed in the communication above referred to shall be kept on file by the City Clerk in his office in the City Hall for reference and for inspection.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—6.

Nays—None.