

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Estimates (cont'd)

the amount for which the City of Baltimore is liable under the terms of this bid.

You also forwarded to this office a copy of the opinion of R. E. L. Marshall, City Solicitor, dated May 13, 1936, relative to a discount to be allowed on a contract therein referred to. In this opinion, it is to be noted that the discount was to be allowed only in the event the payment was made within a specified time. We feel that the case now before us is quite different from the case set forth in the above mentioned opinion in that there is only a net amount due by the City under the Mayer Brothers bid.

It is our opinion, therefore, that the bid of Mayer Brothers on Group No. 2 of the above mentioned contract should be accepted, they being the lowest bidder as set forth on the tabulation of the bids which you forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS N. BIDDISON
City Solicitor

/s/ F. CLIFFORD HANE
Assistant City Solicitor

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File No. 92546

May 11, 1954

Honorable Arthur B. Price
Mayor Ex Officio
City Hall
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Price:

We have your letter of May 6, 1954, wherein you advise that at the meeting of the Board of Estimates on May 5, 1954, it was noted that a low bid of \$579,000.00 on additions and alterations to Western High School was submitted by the Piracci Construction Company.

You state that in view of the recent findings in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City against the Piracci Construction Company, to wit, found guilty of conspiring to defraud the City of Baltimore of a stipulated amount of money, in the case