To advertise for proposals.

posals to adjust the present cobblestone pavement on Bank lane, between the west side of Calvert street and the east side of St. Paul street, and surface the same with Trap Rock asphalt blocks, 4x4x12 inches, and to rekerb where necessary all that portion of the bed of Bank lane, from the west side of Calvert street to the east side of St. Paul street; the City Commissioner shall require each bidder to deposit with his proposal a sample asphalt block, stating at what factory it was manufactured, and agreeing, if the contract is awarded to him, to use only blocks made at said factory and equal to said sample; the said asphalt blocks shall be laid on a bed of cement mortar spread upon the surface of the present cobblestone pavement, said cement mortar to be one-half inch in thickness above the cobblestone pavement as adjusted, and to be composed of Rosendale or other equally good American cement, one part, and sand three parts; and the joints, or interstices, between the blocks shall be filled with grout composed of one part Portland cement and one part fine sand; and after the contract for doing said work and furnishing said supplies and material shall have been awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with Sections 14 and 15 of the City of Baltimore Charter, approved March 24, 1898, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to contract with said lowest responsible bidder to do said work and furnish said supplies and materials; provided the cost of adjusting the said cobblestone pavement, and surfacing the same with asphalt blocks or cement mortar bed and grouting, shall not exceed two ($2) dollars per square yard.

Bidders to deposit samples.

How blocks are to be laid.

Cost not to exceed $2 per square yard.

SEC. 3. And be it further ordained, That the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make monthly estimates on the completed work on said Bank lane, and to draw his order on the City Comptroller for eighty per cent. of each, respectively, of such estimates in favor of said contractor.

To make monthly estimates.

SEC. 4. And be it further ordained, That when the whole work provided for in this ordinance is finished and accepted by the City Commissioner, all sums then remaining unpaid shall be paid to the contractor, except ten per centum of the gross amount of the contract, which ten per centum shall be paid to the contractor at the expiration of five years from the date of acceptance, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum; provided the said contractor shall have kept the work done by him in proper condition and repair during the said five years.

Ten per cent to be retained.

SEC. 5. And be it further ordained, That all ordinances heretofore passed which are inconsistent with this ordinance, or any of its provisions, be and they are hereby repealed.

Approved December 1, 1899.

THOMAS G. HAYES, *Mayor.*

No. 16.

An ordinance to provide for the creation of an Examining Board for the Fire Department of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That there