

STREET-CLEANING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO BE AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL WITHIN THE LIMIT OF CUMULATIVE BORROWING CAPACITY STILL REMAINING, AND THIS MONEY IS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUCH BORROWING IS SIGNED BY THE MAYOR.

Greenberg Says Municipal Operation Would Prove to Be Cheaper Than Stated

CONFERENCE ON BIDS SOON

The administration should be prepared to do its own street cleaning by January 1, 1921, as made virtually mandatory by the new city charter, instead of searching about for "transparent excuses and technical justifications" for continuing the contractor system.

This opinion was voiced today by Frederick P. Greenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research.

Mr. Greenberg agreed with Councilman Develin, of West Philadelphia, that the taking over of the street-cleaning equipment by the city would cost \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, according to an engineering commission, instead of \$5,000,000, the estimate credited to the Mayor by Mr. Develin.

Mr. Develin explained that the cost of cleaning the streets by the city would be \$4,000,000, and that hence the city would not pay more than \$6,000,000 if the highest figures were realized.

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Prices Higher Now "It is certainly true that higher prices will be asked for plant and equipment now than would have prevailed in 1919. But this is not sufficient reason for postponing such investment if public service demands it. We do not hesitate to grade and pave streets, authorizing scales and saws, pipe because of these prevailing high prices, and the councilman loan authorized on July 15 for these purposes is several times the amount which will be required in the case of street cleaning. While the city is delaying municipal street cleaning in order to gamble on lower prices for plant and equipment, the contractors will continue to exact their high profits, which will probably more than offset the increase in purchase prices now prevailing over normal prices, and we shall continue to have dirty streets."

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