

of their respective offices, make oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county, that they will act faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice, in all things appertaining to their respective offices, and the failure of any person elected to any of the said offices to qualify as aforesaid, within two weeks after his election, shall be deemed a refusal to accept said office, and said vacancy shall be filled as herein provided for.

In case of failure to qualify.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the City Council shall be the Judges of the qualifications of the Mayor and of their own members.

Judges of qualification.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council shall meet on the first Monday of each month, at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Mayor, and at such other times as they shall adjourn to, they shall elect one of their number President, who, in the absence or sickness of the Mayor, shall be clothed with all his power and authority.

Time and place of meeting.

Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Council shall pass all needful rules and by-laws for their government while in session.

Quorum for transaction of business.

Sec. 13. *And be it enacted*, That neglect or nonuser shall not work a forfeiture of this charter.

Not work a forfeiture.

Sec. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Common Council may pass ordinances to preserve the health of the city, to prevent and remove nuisances, to suppress gambling, to license public amusements not taxed by the State, to open and keep open streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of the owners of the land through which the same may pass, or by paying damages therefor, which said damages in all cases when property is condemned for city purposes shall be determined by a jury of twelve disinterested male citizens of the said city, whom for that purpose the Mayor shall cause to have summoned and sworn, and the said jury so summoned and sworn shall return, under their seals to the Mayor of said city, the result of their findings; and such said damages so found shall be paid out of the Treasury of said city.

Authority to pass ordinances, &c.