

pumping station, or for any other purpose in connection with the water and sewer systems of the City of Salisbury; and whenever resort shall be had to condemnation proceedings, the proceedings shall be as provided by Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, regulating the procedure for the acquisition of property for public use by condemnation, and all the rights, powers and privileges conferred by said Article, relating to the condemnation of property for public use, are hereby expressly conferred upon and vested in the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, acting by and through the agency of the said Commission. At any time after ten days following the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, acting by and through the agency of the said Commission, may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, it shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceedings.

1924. ch. 494, sec. 4.

324. As soon after organization as possible and from time to time thereafter, the Commission shall cause surveys, studies, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage and storm water drainage systems in all those parts of the City of Salisbury in which there is, in its judgment, a need for water supply, sewerage or drainage. Whenever plans shall have been completed for a water supply, sewerage or storm water drainage system, or any part thereof, in any part of the City of Salisbury, and the Commission shall have decided, after an opportunity for a hearing has been given, to proceed with the construction thereof, it shall advertise by notice in such newspaper or technical press as it may deem proper for bids for the construction of said system or systems, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission may reject any and all bids, and, if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable, it may readvertise the work, or any part of it, or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided, that at any time, the Commission may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars without advertising or receiving bids. The Commission may, however, purchase the necessary pipe, fire hydrants, valves, specials, tanks, pumps, motors, engines or such like equipment if, in its discretion, it deems it advisable and may advertise as aforesaid for bids for the construction, alteration and extension of any other units in part or as a whole, using said equipment, as in its judgment may be deemed advisable. All such contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission shall require, all of which shall be enforceable in any Court having jurisdiction.