

protecting the public and city property, rights and privileges from waste or encroachment, and for promoting and securing the good government of the city; all by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation shall be by the mayor; the mayor shall, during the first ten days in the month of January of each and every year, cause to be prepared and printed for the information of the citizens a statement of the finances of the said corporation; he may call upon any officer of the city entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money for a statement of his accounts as often as he may deem it necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed.

Sub-Sec. 42. Before the mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city of Annapolis shall pass any ordinance to open, widen, close or discontinue any new streets, lanes or alleys, or any part thereof, in pursuance of the authority herein delegated, at least thirty days' notice shall be given before the passage of such ordinance in some newspaper or newspapers published in said city, and before any street, lane or alley shall be so discontinued or closed in whole or in part, the proprietors of lots on any part or section of the streets, lanes and alleys so to be discontinued or closed, in whole or in part, whose property will be depreciated by the act of the corporation, may apply to any justice of the peace in said city, who is hereby empowered, upon an affidavit of facts, to summon a jury of twelve citizens, whose duty it shall be to examine the premises and assess the damages sustained by the complainant; the full value of such assessment shall be paid or tendered to the complainant as hereinbefore provided, before the final execution of such ordinance.

1867, c 240 further provides, that all acts, contracts, deeds or ordinances of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of said city, heretofore made, done, executed or passed in reference to the closing or discontinuance of any street, lane or alley in said city, are hereby declared and made operative and valid in the same manner as if the said Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen had full power and authority to do the same at the respective times when the same were severally done. In force from March 19, 1867.