

zens of Annapolis, qualified to vote for members of the general assembly of Maryland, shall, on the first Monday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and every two years thereafter elect by ballot a mayor, counsellor, and five aldermen, who shall constitute the corporation of said city, under the name and style of the mayor, counsellor and aldermen of the city of Annapolis.

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36. The mayor, counsellor and aldermen, shall hold their first session in Annapolis on the second Monday in April, and shall meet on the second Monday in each month thereafter, but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever and as often as it may appear to him that the interests of the city require their deliberations, and a majority of the whole board shall be a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

Sessions of
board.

40. The mayor, counsellor and aldermen shall have power to enact all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the health of the city; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of contagious disease within the city; to establish night watches and patrols; to light the city; to establish new streets, lanes and alleys, and to widen, straighten, extend, stop up or discontinue any streets, lanes and alleys; and when any street, lane or alley is opened, widened, straightened, extended, stopped up or discontinued by the corporation, the full value of all property taken and used for such public street, lane or alley, or damages to be sustained in closing the same, shall be assessed by a jury of twelve citizens, and the said full value so assessed, first paid or tendered to the proprietor of said property; and if in opening, widening, straightening or extending any street, lane or alley in said city, any benefit shall thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvement within or upon said street, lane or alley, for which said owner or possessor ought to pay a compensation, said benefits shall be assessed and paid by the owner or possessor in like manner, as above provided, to erect and repair

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