

walk, curb, gutter or roadbed and street improvement, or all or any to be laid; and notifying said owner to appear at said meeting and express his views upon the questions, if he so desires; at said meeting the Mayor and Common Council shall hear any suggestions of said abutting owners, and immediately thereafter they shall determine the character and kind of work to be done, which said determination shall be made known by publication in the next succeeding issue of one or more of the newspapers published in the town, and shall be final and conclusive as to the kind and character of the street improvements, unless a majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvements and chargeable with the cost thereof, shall in one week from said publication file with the Mayor and Common Council a petition in writing, signed by said majority of owners, asking for a different kind of sidewalk, curb, gutter and street improvement, or any of them, in which event the Mayor and Common Council shall forthwith adopt the sidewalk, curb, gutter or street improvement, or all, in said petition requested, instead of the one theretofore selected by them, and thereafter, as soon as practicable, begin and with all possible expedition complete said proposed improvements. If a majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvements and chargeable with the cost thereof shall within the time above specified file with the Mayor and Common Council a petition in writing, signed by said majority of owners, asking that the proposed improvements be made by contract, said improvements shall be made by contract.

SEC. 21c. The Mayor and Common Council are hereby authorized to make such sidewalk, curb, gutter, roadbed and street improvements, except in those cases where the majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvements have so requested, as herein provided, that said improvements be made by contract, either by doing the work themselves without letting bids, or by contracting for the same as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908. All contractors for such street improvements shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Common Council shall require, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Mayor and Common Council, for the faithful performance or their contract.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted.* That this Act shall have no force or effect unless the same shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast at a special election to be held in the said town of Hyattsville, and that the said special election shall be held at the same time and place as the election to be held in the said town on the first Monday in May, 1910, for Mayor and Common Council for said town, for which said special election