

tract for paving or curbing, re-paving or re-curbings the same shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder complying with the call for bids, whether bids are asked for for one or more than one kind of pavement, reserving to the Board of Awards the right to reject all bids and to call for new bids.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commission hereby created shall be the agent of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, whatever the duration of the lease, or other methods of acquisition, or by condemnation, any private property whatsoever, including streets, avenues, lanes and alleys, right or interests, franchises, privileges or easements, that may be required to open, widen, extend, straighten, close, grade or pave any street, avenue, lane or alley, or to broaden any sidewalk, and as soon as the title to the property acquired as set forth herein has been certified by the City Solicitor, said commission shall have the same conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and no ordinance shall be requisite to the validity of such conveyance; said streets, avenues, lanes and alleys so conveyed shall become public highways, subject to all ordinances and resolutions relating to streets, avenues, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore; that authority is hereby conferred upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide by ordinance or ordinances the proceeding for condemnation of property as herein set forth by the said commission.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That no expenditure shall be made by said commission for the grading, paving or improvement of said sidewalks in the annex portion of said city, but the same shall be done at the expense of the owner or owners of the property upon and along the streets, avenues, lanes or alleys on which such sidewalks are to be established, widened, graded, paved or otherwise laid out and improved; and the said commission in its discretion is authorized and empowered to require said property owners to grade, pave and improve said sidewalks at their expense, or upon their failure to do so the commission may do such work itself and assess said property for the cost and expenses of such work, and the procedure and rights and powers of the commission with respect to such work and to such assessments and the collection thereof shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by law in relation to the duties of a similar nature with which the City Engineer and other officers of the city are now or may be respectively clothed, or the procedure and the rights and powers of said commission may be such as may be provided for the very purpose by any lawful ordinance or ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which said ordinance or ordinances the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is