

widened, straightened or closed up. And no new grades other than those given by the Commissioner of Streets as aforesaid shall be accepted or allowed in the City of Hagerstown, or have any validity whatever, and no lands, lots, streets, highways, alleys, parks, drains or sewers shall be laid out or opened within the corporate limits of the city by any person, association of persons or corporation unless a plan or plat of said proposed improvement shall have first been submitted to the City Engineer, and after examination by him, shall have been approved by the Mayor and Council. And whenever any individual or association of individuals or corporation shall desire to lay out any lands or parks, open up any streets, highways and alleys, or set any curbs, or construct any drains, or sewers, within one mile of the corporate limits, of said city, a plan or plat of said proposed improvements shall first be submitted to the City Engineer and the City Engineer shall after an examination thereof, refer the same to the Mayor and Council, and the Mayor and Council shall approve or disapprove of said plat or plan, or demand such change as they shall deem necessary to conserve the interests of said city, and if such plan or plat be approved by the Mayor and Council and the land sub-divided thereon, or the streets, highways, alleys, parks, curbs, drains or sewers defined and described thereon be subsequently annexed to said city, then the grades of said streets, lanes, highways, parks, alleys, curb, drains or sewers as established on said plan or plat shall be and become the true grades thereof and as such be binding on the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown.

SEC. 185. Whenever the Mayor and Council shall have proceeded to execute the powers conferred in the preceding Sections, they shall have prepared an explanatory map which shall contain a correct description of the streets, highways, lanes, alleys, sewers, sanitary sewers, drain or water courses, laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up by them, with each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damages or received benefit, and shall give at least ten (10) days, notice in one or more newspapers of the city that they will meet at a time and place mentioned, in said notice, to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which shall sustain damages, and any lot or parcel of ground which shall be benefited; they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice, and within three (3) days inclusive of the day of meeting shall determine the amount of damages to be awarded to all owners and to oc-