

the power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books and papers before them whenever it may be necessary for the more effective discharge of their duties.

20. The Mayor shall be the executive officer of the city, and it shall be his duty to see that all the laws and ordinances thereof are duly enforced; he shall have general supervision over all the departments of the city government, and may require at any time full and particular information from any Commissioner as to the affairs of his department; but the Mayor shall have no power to countermand any orders given by a Commissioner of any department, or in any manner whatsoever to interfere with the authority of any Commissioner in his own department; but all acts of every kind and description done by any Commissioner in his department may be modified or annulled by the Mayor and City Council as a body; and the Mayor and City Council as a body may pass any orders they may see proper in regard to any department of the city government, and such orders shall be binding upon the Commissioner of that department. And if the Mayor or any Councilman shall fail to perform any duty imposed upon him by law, or by ordinance, or by order of the Mayor and City Council lawfully passed, the Mayor or Councilmen so failing or refusing to perform such duty may be expelled by a vote of three-fifths of all the members of the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor to be considered a member of said Council, and the vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled as herein provided for; before any action shall be taken against the Mayor or any member of the City Council upon charges of dereliction of duty, the City Council shall first cause to be served upon the said Mayor or Councilman a written statement of the charges against him, and a day shall be set by said Mayor and City Council at which such charges shall be heard, the same to be prosecuted by the City Solicitor, with the right to the accused to be represented by counsel, and if the charges are sustained and an order of dismissal passed by a three-fifths vote as aforesaid, the said Mayor or Councilman so dismissed may, within ten days thereafter, take an appeal to the Circuit Court for Allegany County, which is hereby given jurisdiction of the same, and the said Court shall thereupon, as speedily as possible, hear the said charges de novo, and pass such order in the premises as the said Court may deem proper, and the action of the said Court shall be final; and pending such appeal, the said Mayor or Councilman shall be suspended without pay;