

they may at once issue coupon bonds of said corporation therefor, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable in not less than fifteen or more than thirty years with interest payable semi-annually; said bonds to be free from all State, county and municipal taxes; the said Mayor and Councilmen may levy a tax to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

Section 153. The Mayor and Councilmen shall have full power and authority, whenever in their judgment the public interests or convenience may require, to have any street, lane or alley, or part thereof, in said city, graded, paved, curbed, sewered, regraded, repaved, recurbed, re sewered or otherwise improved, and apportion the expense of such improvement, exclusive of the cost of such curbing or recurbing, which shall be charged in full to the abutting property owners, among the owners of lots fronting on said streets, lanes or alleys, or improved portion thereof, so that one-third of such expense shall be borne by the owners of each abutting lot on each side of said street, lane or alley, or part thereof, so improved, and the remaining third of such expense shall be paid by said city.

Provided, that in the event of such paving, repaving or repairing of streets, lanes or alleys, or part thereof, and upon the property lines, tracks or franchise rights of any street car company located and having its tracks upon said street, lane or alley, or part thereof, so improved, then the Mayor and Councilmen shall collect in the manner hereinafter provided from said street car company a sum of money equal to the extent such property shall have been specially benefited by such improvements. And it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen to provide by ordinance for the appointment of commissioners to assess the value of such improvements, and the Mayor and Councilmen shall give reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard to all persons interested before the final ascertainment of the amount of tax to be paid by any such property; and the said Mayor and Councilmen shall provide for appeals to the Circuit Court for Allegany County by any person or persons interested, including the Mayor and Councilmen, from the decision of any commissioner or other persons appointed to determine the amount or amounts of such assessments, with the right to any person or persons interested or the Mayor and Councilmen to an appeal to the Court of Appeals.

And the Mayor and Councilmen shall provide by ordinance for the giving of notice by publication or by service of writ-