

vided, however, that such permits as to underground construction shall be in addition to those required by existing law; to contract for periods not exceeding five years with any public or private corporation or any person for supplying the district or the inhabitants thereof with gas or electricity or for any general municipal purpose except the furnishing of water or sewer service; provided, however, that such contracts shall be let only after thirty days' notice calling for bids for such purpose or purposes has been given in some newspaper of general circulation in the district, and the said board may in its discretion, reject any or all bids, whereupon such contract or contracts shall be awarded by ordinance; to provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys and pedestrian routes or sidewalks and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley; and to assess the total cost of any proportion thereof against abutting property, where such work is to be financed by special or front-foot benefit assessment; to acquire by gift, dedication, purchase, condemnation or otherwise all and any interest whatsoever in any land, buildings and materials by the said board deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and for the purposes of performing their duties as the District Council for the Montgomery County Suburban District, the said County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to acquire land for public purposes by condemnation, as fully and with all power possessed by any private or public corporation of this State and in exercising the power of eminent domain herein granted said County Commissioners shall proceed in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Maryland relating to condemnation as if the said County Commissioners were a municipal corporation named in said laws; to fix specifications of and issue permits for the construction of streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters by any subdivider, developer or individual, to require compliance therewith and to provide for the inspection and supervision of such work, the cost thereof to be borne by such subdivider, developer or individual; to regulate and control the collection and disposal of ashes, trash, garbage and other refuse in said district; to establish and maintain such service as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of the health and safety of the public in the collecting and disposing of garbage, ashes, trash and refuse, and for the cleaning of streets, alleys and sidewalks; to license or contract