

whole or in part, the Council, or a board of three examiners, appointed by them for such purpose, shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers of the City, of their purpose to lay out, open, extend, widen, straighten or close up such street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or water course, as the case may be, and of the day, hour and place of their meeting for said purpose; and the Council or examiners so appointed shall meet at the time and place mentioned in the notice given by them, and proceed to exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned to and required of them, and to ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby, for which the owner or occupant of any right or interest claimed in any ground or improvements ought to be compensated, over and above the amount in value of benefit which will thereby accrue to such owner or occupant, and ascertain whether any and what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground within or adjacent to said City, or to the owner or occupant thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground or the owner or occupant ought to pay; the meeting so held may be adjourned from time to time, without further notice, until a final ascertainment has been made.

67. Whenever the City shall have proceeded to execute the powers conferred in the preceding section, the Council or the examiners appointed by them shall have prepared an explanatory map which shall contain a correct description of the street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or water course proposed to be 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 benefits, and shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers of the City, that they will meet at a time and place mentioned in said notice, to award damages to the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which will be damaged, and assess benefits against the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which will be benefited. They shall then transmit their decision with the explanatory map to the Mayor, or some City employee designated by the Mayor, who shall cause the same to be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose.

68. After a decision is rendered in the manner provided in the preceding section the Council may order and direct the said street, lane, alley, square, highway, sewer, sanitary sewer, water-course or drain, as shown upon the