

*the proposed improvement but shall not have the power to change their determination to discontinue the said improvement.*

*(13) The city, before actually undertaking the work of the proposed improvement SHALL pay or tender to the person, his agent, guardian or representative, the amount of damages awarded less the amount of benefits assessed. And the said damages shall be considered personal property from the time of determination by the council mentioned in sub-division nine (9) of this section.*

*And if for any reason the person to whom damages are payable refuses to receive said payment, or, by reason of his infancy or other cause, is unable to receive and receipt for the same, the sum due him as damages less the amount of benefits assessed against his property shall be deposited in some bank in Salisbury paying interest on deposits, if any, otherwise in a bank elsewhere paying such interest, to the credit of the person entitled to such damages.*

*(14) All benefits assessed under this section, less damages awarded shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels benefited by the improvement from the time of passage of the ordinance required in subdivision two of this section; provided, that if the proceedings are discontinued for any reason the lien of such assessment shall be void ab initio. Such assessments may be collected as taxes are collected or by action of law.*

*(15) Upon payment, or tender and deposit in proper case, of all damages awarded, the title to the lands condemned shall pass to the city, to have and to hold as other lands are held for public purposes.*

*(16) If the council shall fail to determine to proceed with the proposed improvement within the six months mentioned in sub-division (12) of this section, then the proceedings shall be null and void ab initio. But if the council shall determine to proceed with the proposed improvement within the said time, then the proceedings shall be valid and binding, in spite of irregularities, defects and errors therein, upon all persons and corporations mentioned in the notice required by sub-division nine of this section, who have not filed an appeal as provided in sub-division eleven of this section and upon all property of such persons or corporation damaged, taken or benefited by virtue of such proceedings, it being the intention of this sub-division to cure all defects in such proceedings*