

longing to any person, persons, corporation or corporations (whether such corporation be public or private, and whether such property, right or interest be impressed with a prior public or quasi-public use or not) for the purpose of making public improvements. Public improvements shall be construed to mean sewers, drains, disposal plants, public buildings, water systems, water works, water and water courses, rights of way, streets, alleys [and], other public ways and sidewalks [ ], *parks and parking lots*. The manner of procedure in case of any condemnation proceeding shall be that established in Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain," except that for the purpose of relocating, opening, widening and closing of streets, alleys and public highways the following additional procedure is authorized:

[(1)] (b) The council may, upon its own motion, or at the suggestion of the mayor, or at the instance of any citizen or citizens, of Salisbury, if he IT sees fit so to do, by order, motion, resolution, or ordinance, MAY determine to undertake any improvement which IT is authorized to make, and shall thereupon direct the city engineer, or some other competent person, to prepare a map or plat of the proposed improvement. The validity of the proceedings shall in no measure depend upon the taking of this preliminary step, it being intended merely as a means of placing before the Council accurate information as to the work to be done.

[(2)] (c) The mayor and council shall pass an ordinance as other ordinances are passed, directing that the proposed improvement be made and specifying the course and location of the proposed improvement and describing the property to be taken with sufficient certainty to enable surveyor to lay the same out, and directing the Mayor to appoint a commission to estimate damages and benefits, and to obtain such other information specified in said ordinance as the council may desire.

[(3)] (d) The mayor shall appoint three disinterested persons, residents of Salisbury, to estimate damages and benefits, which appointments shall be ratified by the council.

And in the event that any person or persons so appointed shall not be ratified by the council, or shall fail to take the oath hereinafter prescribed within the time limited therefor, or shall for any reason fail, refuse or be unable to serve on such commission, then the mayor shall appoint another or others to serve in the place of such person or