

SEC. 2. Before The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall make any commitment or institute any condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the said water system, the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall consult with the State Department of Health and the Public Service Commission of Maryland and secure therefrom the benefit and advice of the engineers of the said Department and Commission, touching upon the value of the said water system, and it shall also obtain from a certified accountant, to be employed by it, a true statement of the revenues which were derived from and the costs of operation of the said water system during each of the last three years of its operation by the said The Maryland Water Works Company. And the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster may, if it deems it advisable so to do, engage and employ other engineers to advise it as to the value of the said water system. And if the said water system shall be acquired by the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster then the costs incurred in obtaining the said engineering advice and accountant information, together with all proper attorneys' fees in connection with such acquisition and in connection with the financing of the same, shall be regarded as a part of the price to be paid for the said water system.

SEC. 3. If in the judgment of The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster it shall seem desirable for it to acquire the said water system, then before the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall make any commitment for or institute any condemnation proceedings to acquire the said water system, it shall bring to the attention of the voters of the City of Westminster, by publication in one or more newspapers published in the said City, a fair summary of the information furnished to the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster by the engineers and accountants under the provisions of the next preceding Section, touching upon the true value of the said water system, the probable revenues to be derived from and the cost of its operation and the value of the said water system as found by the said engineers; and if at the time of such publication the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall have in hand from The Maryland Water Works Company a bona fide offer of sale of the said water system, then the said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall also include in said publication such selling price as may be set forth in the said offer. The said The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall call a special election of the qualified voters of the said City, to be held not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days following the date of the said publication at