

their objections in writing and thereafter the Board of Commissioners shall hear and determine the same, and full opportunity shall be given the persons, firms or corporations filing such objections to produce evidence, subpoena witnesses and to appear in person or by attorney and a full and fair hearing ^{thereof} shall be given by the said board, which hearing may be adjourned from time to time, without further notice, and the Board of Commissioners shall have full power to inquire into and determine the facts necessary to the adjudication of such objections and the ascertainment of special benefits to such owners by means of such improvements and shall make such order in each case as may be just and proper. Any objection to the regularity of proceedings with reference to making of such improvements as herein provided or to the validity of any assessment against said property or the owners thereof, shall be deemed waived, unless presented at the time and in the manner herein specified. The time set for such hearing shall be not less than ten days from the time of the first publication of such notice. When the hearing above mentioned has been concluded the board shall by ordinance assess against the several owners of the property, and against their property abutting upon the public street or alley or part thereof ordered to be improved, such proportionate part of the costs of said improvement as by such board may have been adjudged against such respective owners and their property. Said ordinance shall fix a lien upon such property for the respective amounts to be assessed; and shall state the time and manner of payment of such assessment, and said board may order that the said assessment shall be payable in installments, and prescribe the ~~time~~, amount ^{and} and manner of payment of such installments, which, however, except as herein after provided shall not exceed ten years, and the payment shall not be deferred beyond ten years from the completion of said improvement and its acceptance by the city. the said ordinance shall also prescribe the rate of interest to be charged upon deferred payments, not exceeding seven per cent per annum and may provide for the maturity of all deferred payments, and their collection, upon default in the payment of any installment of principal or interest. Each property owner, his heirs, assigns or successors, however, shall have the privilege of discharging the whole amount assessed against him or any installment thereof, at any time before maturity, upon payment thereof with accrued interest. Upon the payment ^{by} of any property owner of his assessment in full, the city shall cause to be executed by its Mayor and duly acknowledged for record a release of the lien of such assessment.

8. When the board shall have reason to believe that the owner or owners of any property may successfully claim the same as exempt from special assessment, it may order that the improvement shall not be made in front of or abutting on such property, unless the owner or owners shall first make a satisfactory provision for the payment of the amount of the cost which would be assessed against such property, except for such exemption and such contractor shall not be obliged to make such improvement in front of any property which is exempt from the enforcement of a lien for such improvement but may omit the construction thereof in front of such property. Subject to the provisions hereof the board, may, when deemed just and proper order improvement to be made on only one side of the public street or alley or section or portion thereof, and may assess the cost thereof, or a portion thereof against the property and the owner of property abutting on such side of such street or alley or section or portion thereof.

9. Whenever any error or mistake shall occur in any proceedings, provided for in this charter, it shall be the duty of the board to correct the same, and whenever it shall have fully been finally determined in any suit that any assessment against any property or its owner or lien against such property fixed or attempted to be fixed under the terms hereof, is, for any reason, invalid, unlawful or not enforceable then it shall be the duty of the board to at