

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

February 18, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, On January 10, 2020, the Chief Legal Officer of the Cleveland Public Library entered into an agreement with Benesch, Friedlander, Copeland & Aronoff, LLP (“Benesch”), for a flat fee of \$25,000, to provide real estate legal services in connection with the drafting and negotiation of an Option Agreement with the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization for the mixed use development of the Walz Branch, and legal services for the development of a comprehensive Master Construction Manager Agreement covering all six projects and associated documents for the Facilities Master Plan’s construction manager at risk; and

WHEREAS, Now that the Option Agreement and the Master Construction Manager Agreement have been completed, the Chief Legal Officer anticipates that issues may arise regarding the implementation or interpretation of these agreements over the next few months for which she will need to consult with Benesch; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Legal Officer is, therefore, requesting authority to increase the Benesch Agreement by an additional \$20,000, bringing the total amount of the contract to \$45,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or the Chief Legal Officer to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the Benesch, Friedlander to provide additional legal services as described in this Resolution in the amount of \$20,000, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$45,000, which expenditure shall be charged to Construction—Tax Exempt fund account 402xxx05-55300 (Construction/Improvements), where xxx = branch/department.