

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

March 16, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE MOBILE SHELVING UPGRADES FOR LOUIS STOKES
WING**

- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library maintains a research collection consisting of more than 10 million items of local, regional, national, and international importance as one of the nation's top tier public research libraries; and
- WHEREAS, Safe, secure, and orderly storage of the Library's collection is key to the integrity and the professional operation of the Library and the provision of excellent service to our community; and
- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library, as a part of the Main Library Renovation Project (1994-1999), invested significant tax dollars to reinforce floors 7, 8, and 9 in the Louis Stokes Wing for the purpose of using these floors for high density storage for the Library's collections; and
- WHEREAS, Only the eighth floor of the Louis Stokes Wing was outfitted with high density storage units as a part of the Main Library Renovation Project; and
- WHEREAS, The electronic control systems on the high density storage units, which were manufactured by Spacesaver in the 1990s, are currently at the end of their serviceable life, with Patterson-Pope, the Library's Spacesaver representative, reporting in 2019 that the nationwide inventory of replacement parts for the electronics system on the Library's shelving is nearly exhausted; and
- WHEREAS, As a part of the Main Library reorganization, the Library is undertaking a comprehensive review and reorganization of how and where materials are stored; and
- WHEREAS, The upgraded electronics systems, in addition to being necessary, will provide enhanced safety and security features, including the ability to restrict access to any shelving unit with passcode entry, thus enabling the Library to reapportion high density storage on the eighth floor of the Louis Stokes Wing to relieve critical overcrowding in the Special Collections storage vault; and
- WHEREAS, The Library also wishes to reduce the current overcrowding of the rare folio volumes in the vault by adding sixteen sections of specialized folio shelving consisting of 192 (36" x 36") shelves in three ranges at a cost not to exceed \$23,338, and to have this work completed at the same time that the electronics are upgraded in order to achieve cost efficiency; and

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- WHEREAS, Patterson Pope, Inc. is the sole Spacesaver certified and authorized distributor for sales, installation, service and warranty of Spacesaver products and services in Ohio; and
- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library is a participant in the OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing organization, wherein a lead government agency prepares a competitive solicitation while incorporating language to make the agreement accessible nationally to agencies in states that allow intergovernmental contract usage; and
- WHEREAS, Spacesaver has an existing competitively bid contract through OMNIA Partners and has agreed in writing to abide by the pricing and contract terms of the OMNIA Partners/National IPA County of DuPage, IL Contract No. P15-150-DT - Filing and Storage Systems, which covers the period April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, The Library proposes to enter into a contract with Spacesaver based on a firm cost estimate prepared by Patterson-Pope with the scope of work including the replacement and controls of existing Spacesaver High Density shelving to Spacesaver Eclipse Controls, Aisle Entry Safety Sensors and Photo Sweep IV, and the replacement of all decorative laminate face panels (required for compatibility with new controls) and adding 16 sections of specialized folio shelving to the vault for a total cost of \$478,035, which includes a \$13,077 discount due to the work being performed as a single, continuous project; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48, political subdivisions such as the Library are not required to engage in competitive bidding when purchasing materials and services through participation in joint purchasing programs in which contracts with the suppliers have been procured through competitive bidding; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement with Spacesaver Corporation, through OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing organization, subject to the approval of the Director of Legal Affairs, for the shelving upgrades described in Patterson Pope's proposal and in this Resolution, without competitive bidding pursuant to O.R.C. Section 9.48, for a total contract price not-to-exceed \$478,035, to be charged to the Building and Repair fund 401.