## **CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Finance Committee November 15, 2016

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY UNDER LOUIS STOKES WING BUILDING AND BUYOUT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS

- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library has leased the property known as Permanent Parcel Number 101-05-006 and shown in the survey that is attached hereto (the "Property") since December 19, 1957 when a previous 99 year lease signed on September 1, 1919 and set to expire on July 31, 2018 (the "Lease") was assigned to the Library by the previous lessee, the Cleveland Plain Dealer; and
- WHEREAS, The Property measures 20 feet wide by 198 feet deep and extends from Superior Avenue to the south to Rockwell Avenue to the north. The Property sits under the western edge of the Louis Stokes Wing building; and
- WHEREAS, The Lease and Property are both owned by the same four owners, three of whom each possesses undivided thirteen fortieths (13/40) interests in the Lease and Property, and one of whom possesses an undivided one fortieth (1/40) interest; and
- WHEREAS, Under the terms of the Lease, the Library pays a total of \$6,400 per year in rent for the Property. The rent is paid in quarterly installments; and
- WHEREAS, The Library has paid the full \$6,400 in rent for the year 2016, thus leaving a total of \$10,133.32 due for the entire year of 2017 and the first seven months of 2018; and
- WHEREAS, Two of the owners of the 13/40 interests have indicated that they are willing to donate their interests in the Property to the Library in exchange for the Library's payment of their shares of the outstanding rent under the Lease. One such owner has also indicated that she may be able to convince the remaining two owners to donate their interests as well: and
- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.35 requires that the purchase of any real property be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the library board making such purchase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library, by a two-thirds vote of the full membership, authorizes the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, to enter into agreements with the owners of the Property to buyout their interests in the Lease for a total amount not-to-exceed \$10,133.32 and to incur such other expenses and to execute such other agreements and accept delivery of such instruments as may be necessary in order to facilitate the transfer of the donated interests in the Property to the Library, which expenditures shall be charged to

the General Fund Account 19010053-53510 (Rent/Leases), and which agreements and instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Legal

Officer.

