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Resolution providing for the establishment of a Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) with The Pittsburgh Children's Museum for a portion of the City facility known as the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny and associated property located at 6 Allegheny Square East for an annual rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for a period of twenty-nine (29) years.

Whereas, in 2006, due to a lighting strike, The Carnegie Free Library was forced to close. Since then the City has struggled to maintain portions of the building, especially the roof which requires frequent maintenance. This has caused a great deal of resources such as man hours and tax payer money to be wasted in an attempt to keep this historic structure from falling into irreparable disrepair; and

Whereas, a previous agreement with the Children's Museum for the use of the Buhl Planetarium has resulted in the revitalization of the area around the library as well as an expansion of programming by the Children's museum; and

Whereas, the Children's Museum has and continues to provide the highest quality educational and interactive programming for Children in the Pittsburgh area; and

Whereas, the City wishes to take this opportunity to disinvest itself from the cost, effort, and liability of active ownership of this building, which will be accomplished with this new agreement

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Director of Finance on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) with The Pittsburgh Children's Museum, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, for a leasing of a portion of the City facility known as the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny and associated property located in the 22nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh at 6 Allegheny Square East, with the right to use said facility as an integral part of the expansion project of the existing Children's Museum site for an annual rental fee of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year for a period of twenty-nine (29) year-, **provided that said Lease(s) include a Cooperation Agreement between Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and New Hazlett Theater.** Said Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor and shall contain such terms and conditions for the property of the City as said Solicitor may require.