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COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 23, 2026

TO: MR. MILES BINGHAM
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY

RE: PURCHASE/EXPROPRIATE – 5.72 ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY
LR GASSEN HOLDING, LLC
400 HACKBERRY STREET, LULING, LA

On March 16, 2026, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 26-3-8 to approve a purchase and/or expropriate by St. Charles Parish from the owners of a certain 5.72 acre parcel of property described as a portion of Lot 4B, Gassen Estate owned by LR Gassen Holding, LLC, et al located at 400 Hackberry Street in the unincorporated community of Luling, LA on the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish.

A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your records.

MI/mr

Enclosure

cc: Parish Council
Ms. Samantha de Castro via Electronic Notification
Mr. Corey Oubre via Electronic Notification
Mr. Grant Dussom via Electronic Notification
Mr. Brandon Bernard via Electronic Notification

2026-0087

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-3-8

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of the purchase and/or expropriation by St. Charles Parish from the owners of a certain 5.72 acre parcel of property described as a portion of Lot 4B, Gassen Estate owned by LR Gassen Holding, LLC, et al located at 400 Hackberry Street in the unincorporated community of Luling, LA on the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish.

WHEREAS, LR Gassen Holding, LLC, et al are the owners of a certain 5.72 acre (249,113.56 sq. ft.) parcel of property described as a portion of Lot 4B, Gassen Estate located at 400 Hackberry Street in the unincorporated community of Luling, LA on the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish as per the Boundary Survey prepared by Matthew J. Ledet, PLS dated July, 24, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, said property already has a drainage ditch located along the eastern edge of the property, which is adjacent to the back property line of homes located on the western side of Kinler Street in Luling, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish has maintained this historical drainage ditch by mowing the property and removing debris and sediment from the ditch; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish as part of the West Bank Master Drainage Plan completed a hydraulic and hydrologic study of the Luling and Luling I-310 Watershed in March of 2023, which provided recommendations to improve the drainage in said area by constructing new canals and pump stations, modifying existing drainage systems, and building protection berms; and,

WHEREAS, the Kinler Street Canal (Project No. P250705) was designated as Priority 1 for the Luling and Luling I-310 Watershed; and,

WHEREAS, it is a necessary public need for St. Charles Parish to acquire the identified real estate interest from its owners in order for St. Charles Parish to construct, operate, and maintain drainage improvements to protect the property owners in this Luling community; and,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of said property will allow St. Charles Parish to enlarge the Kinler Street Canal to accept larger drainage flows, thus reducing flooding in the area; and,

WHEREAS, properties are more particularly described on the Boundary Survey by Crescent Engineering & Mapping, LLC, dated July 24, 2024, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish acknowledges its obligation to provide just compensation at fair market value, as required by Louisiana R.S. 19.9 and all other applicable laws.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The St. Charles Parish Council hereby approves that the purchase and/or expropriation of the 5.72 acre parcel owned by LR Gassen Holding, LLC, et al by St. Charles Parish for fair market value in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 19.9, et seq.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriate on behalf of St. Charles Parish in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE,
O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 16th day of March, 2026, to become effective (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]
SECRETARY: [Signature]
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: March 17, 2026
APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]
RETD/SECRETARY: March 19, 2026
AT: 3:43pm RECD BY: [Signature]