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Settlements reached with 3 in stadium's path

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ARLINGTON — The City Council unanimously approved more than \$5 million in settlements Tuesday for three property owners, including Evelyn Wray, who sued the city for taking their land to make way for the Cowboys stadium.

Attorney Glenn **Sodd**, who represented the owners, said his clients were happy with the settlements.

In Wray's case, the city had originally offered \$351,000 for her 4 acres on Randol Mill Road, **Sodd** said. A city-appointed board later awarded her \$1.2 million.

The final settlement for Wray, who was the last resident to vacate her property before the Cowboys started construction this spring, was \$2.75 million.

"We were pretty distressed with the original figure, so she is very pleased with the settlement," **Sodd** said.

The closed cases are just three of the 93 lawsuits filed against the city related to the property acquisition for the Cowboys project. Most are still pending in county courts.

Staff writer Andrea Ahles contributed to this report.

SETTLEMENTS

The City Council approved settlements with three property owners Tuesday.

\$2.75 million for Evelyn Wray. The city initially appraised her property near Randol Mill Road at \$351,000.

\$1.15 million for Collins Avenue Partners, which owned a 7-11 convenience store on Collins Street. The city initially appraised the property at \$580,000.

\$1.2 million for Larry D. Smith, who operated an Athletic Shoe Warehouse on Collins Street. The city initially appraised the property at \$600,000.

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