

The Rumor Mill Vol. 10

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What is the Rumor Mill?

In an effort to enhance communication between the City of Elgin and our citizens, from time to time, we will update with topics that will hopefully clarify and address some of the more well-known rumors that may be out in our community.



Rumor of the Day: Condemning land for County Line Road

I've heard some confusing information about the City condemning land for the County Line Rd. Project. What exactly does that mean and are the property owners fairly compensated?

In order to provide for the construction of a widened County Line Road (CLRd) with an underground storm drainage system and sidewalks, the City was required to obtain additional property or

right of way on both sides of the existing roadway.

The vast majority of this property required for the CLRd Phase 1 Project was donated by developers and the EISD. However, there remained 5 parcels whereby the City required a twenty-five (25) foot strip off the frontage of each property for the project. The City initially reached mutually acceptable terms for acquisition of 3 of those property owners. In order to move forward with construction, however, the City Council authorized the option of utilizing Eminent Domain if necessary to obtain the necessary ROW from the remaining two property owners.

Under Texas law, Eminent Domain is the power of governmental entities to take private property and convert it into public use - while also mandating that the affected landowner be properly and fairly

compensated for the condemned property.

Ultimately, city staff and the affected property owners were able to come to mutual agreement on appropriate compensation for the required property – and the City did not have to invoke its right to pursue Eminent Domain or condemnation proceedings.

In the end, Individual payments ranged from \$25,000 to \$100,000 with cost for all acquisitions totaling \$215,000 for the required right of way.

In addition to this cash compensation – where no structures were impacted – each of the properties will also receive new curb & gutter, sidewalks, improved drainage, and a new concrete driveway approach to replace all currently existing approaches.

All of these acquisitions followed a very routine process utilized by all government entities that build and maintain roadways. Both the City and all property owners agreed that fair and appropriate compensation was made for the property acquired.

County Line Road Open House, Monday, May 9, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., 404 N. Main St., Elgin Public Library; the City will share expansion plans for County Line Road

Have you heard a rumor you would like the city to address? If so, contact City Secretary Jennifer Stubbs at jstubbs@ci.elgin.tx.us.

More information on our website here:

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