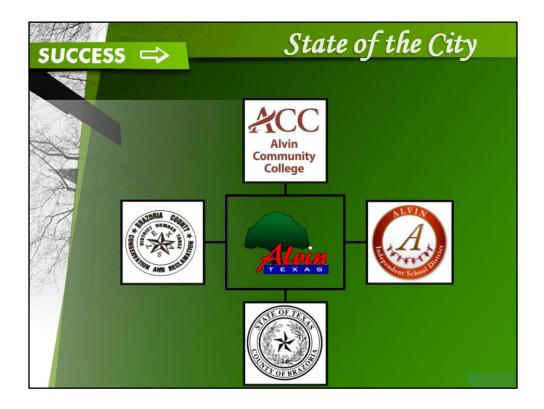


- I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for cohosting this event today, And thank you for taking a few minutes to be updated on Alvin's State of the City.
- I would like to thank the City Council for their leadership and our city staff for their hard work to accomplish so much this past year.
- Success is defined as the accomplishment of one's goals. We must plan today to shape our tomorrow. A good Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2005 and has guided the City to our successes we enjoy today.
- The City has now developed an updated Plan that will lead us through tomorrow and the years to come. I will discuss the new updated Plan in a few minutes.



- We are thankful for our public sector partners in Alvin Community College, Brazoria County, Alvin ISD and Brazoria County Conservation and Reclamation District #3
- You will see evidence we are working together, and I know my Council is ready to help them any way we can
- We also thank our State Representative Ed Thompson, Senator Larry Taylor, US Congressman Pete Olson, and Congressman Randy Weber, who stand ready to answer our calls



- The City of Alvin is in an excellent position financially.
- Our report card is good and shows we are protecting our assets and using our money wisely.
- The City is also managing its residential, retail, and commercial growth wisely. We are reaching out with incentives to encourage good businesses to locate in our City and working with developers to build the type of subdivisions that we all want.



- One of the indicators is our sales tax revenue.
- Year over year, it continues to increase due to growth and initiatives by many of you in this room
- Once again, remember to shop local whenever you can



- New Growth and Fiscal Management gave City Council the opportunity to lower the tax rate.
- Revenue for the expansion of the Denbury oil field operations is a large reason for the City's ability to reduce its tax rate
- This has contributed to a higher Bond Rating, which gives the City a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.



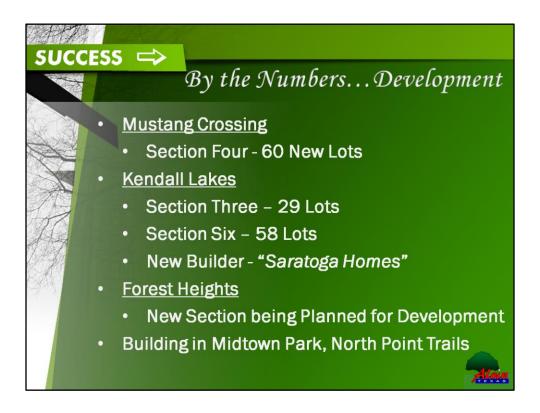
- The City received two financial awards this year from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Our CFO, Junru Roland is quick to include his staff and the other departments in this acknowledgement of the City Budget



- I believe we all know about audits and the process that we must go through
- The City is very proud of its staff that keep excellent financial records and adhere to sound management principles



- These development numbers are as of the end of August.
- Housing permits continue to grow stronger each year.
- Planning meetings have almost doubled since this time last year



- Several subdivision have sold all available lots to home builders and now opening new sections.
- Mustang Crossing and Kendall Lakes both added new sections, with Kendall Lakes adding Saratoga Homes as a new builder
- The City is in discussion with a new mixed used development that would include several hundred homes.



- UTMB opened their doors at the new location September 22nd
- They have been in this community for 19 years offering pediatric services
- There are 24 exam rooms, expanded X-ray services, a full blood-draw station and additional staff members
- New services include adult primary care



- Another large business expansion is now complete.
- This is Frank's International pipe manufacturing facility, importing and exporting their product worldwide.



- Rodney Rudell, owner of Southwest Refractor, has yet another building under construction in his industrial park on North Business 35
- MPR Services will have an office complex in the front of the manufacturing site.



 CenterPoint moved in to their new facility on FM 1462, consolidating another service center with the one already here.



- We are pleased to see additional medical services coming to our community
- Memorial Hermann's Medical Group is planning to open summer 2015



- Heritage South, our new retail center has mobilized equipment and beginning the work on infrastructure and the main roadway through the development.
- We are excited and look forward to additional announcements of retail and commercial tenants



- Global AM-TX, located at 210 South Hood, is a long time business in Alvin, manufactures and supplies a large line of specialty oilfield additives, which have been used worldwide for many years.
- We thank Ed Woods and his company for remaining in Alvin



- Every new business and redevelopment project is important to Alvin
- Studio 7, located in the shopping center on House Street, recently signed a "lease to purchase" on this building.
- Some of what they will be offering is up on the screen
- We thank Trudy, her staff, and her customers for making this a success story



- Our key businesses in the Chocolate Bayou area are adding great value as well
- Employment numbers are as of last May
- Not only are they growing, they continue to give back to the community and protect our environment



- Our Chamber of Commerce is doing a great work of networking business to business
- They lead several industry tours so members become more familiar with our local industry
- The most recent was Rice-Tec, who has about 300 employees at their location south of Alvin
- Familiar brands of Texmati and Jasmati rice are products of Rice-Tec



- The Chamber lead other tours this year. They are scheduled quarterly
- As you can see, our chamber is growing with a core mission of helping local business prosper



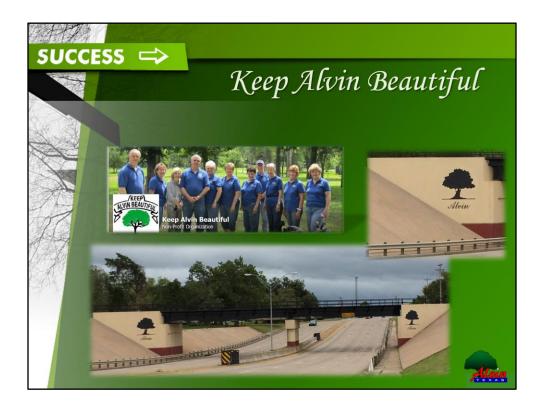
- Julie Siggers, our CVB Director, continues to market our community with great results
- Selecting prime locations to display Alvin materials and being in front of those Winter Texans is also key.
- The Second Annual Alvin Music Festival and Cook-Off will be March 27-28, 2015 at Briscoe Park



- Quality of Life is also important to the City of Alvin.
- Our Parks and Recreation Department added two new pavilions this year.
- This one here at National Oak Park has already been put to use



- And the other at Briscoe Park
- They have been used frequently by the residents and our local civic clubs and organizations
- We congratulate them for another year of helping Alvin receive the "Playful City USA" award for 2014



- One of Keep Alvin Beautiful's key purposes is to educate and promote the general improvement of the environment of the City of Alvin
- They have several recycle programs in our community
- Through beautification awards from the state, this project is finally coming to fruition
- The railroad underpass on State Highway 6 will have additional landscaping along the sides



- The entire community is proud of our new animal adoption center
- We recently completed the hiring of staff to support the new facilities
- If you have not gone by, please do, it is a wonderful addition



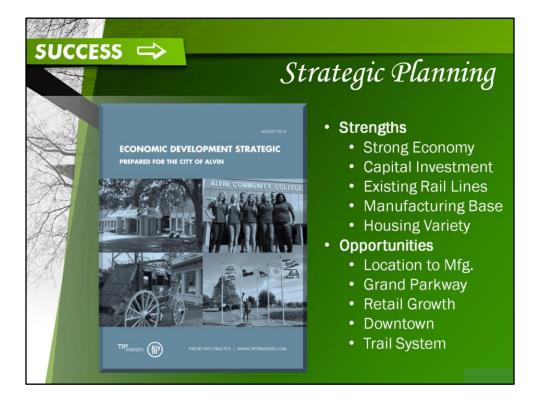
 Thank you Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams, the full Commissioners Court and Brazoria County Engineering for the realignment of County Road 185 (Parker-Davis School Road) at FM 1462. This has been a dangerous intersection and the change should help motorist enter and exit FM 1462 in a much safer way.



- Over 200 citizens came together to help update our 2035 Comprehensive Plan
- This is what will help guide City Council and Staff for years to come



- A public meeting was held with City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Citizens Advisory Committee
- Our consultants laid out the road map to address how we will develop our infrastructure and work with existing and new development to ensure the best quality of life for our citizens



- The City also completed a new Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- Again, many citizens and business leaders offered valuable input
- We have many strengths and opportunities



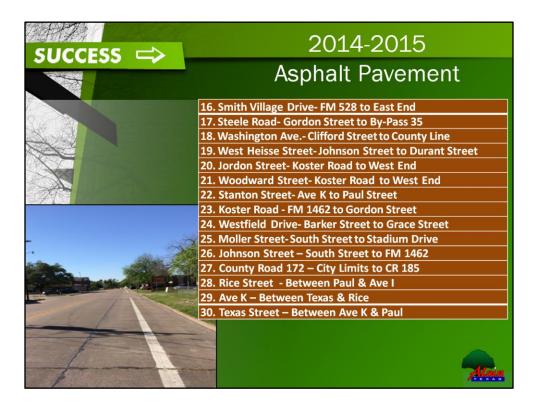
- One of our key assets is Alvin Community College
- This plan was presented to the ACC Regents on September 25th



- This flood water detention project is scheduled to start construction by the end of the year.
 This will help relieve flooding in the area south of the High School.
- These two tracts are on South Street. The larger 15-acre tract at Kost, and the 5-acre tract at Durant.
- We will start the 5-acre tract at a later date
- This is a joint project between the City and the C&R District and we certainly thank them for their assistance
- Council has a workshop Thursday, October 9th to discuss this valuable project



- Our Public Services department put together a very strong plan to fix many asphalt streets.
- Along with these 15 listed here...



- An additional group brings the total to almost 5 miles of rehabilitation
- Crews will mill up the existing materials, stabilize the roadway, and lay down a new layer of asphalt



- Council and staff are revisiting the Railroad Quiet Zone project.
- They would be installed at the Second Street, Gordon Street, and Tovrea Street crossings.
- This would eliminate train horns sounding off.
- Installation of the barrier system options are being explored by our consultant team.
- They will bring their recommendations to Council for consideration.



- Ladies and Gentlemen, There are many other initiatives and successes coming our way.
- It is Council's goal for Alvin to continue a solid pattern of quality growth, and this is impart to the people living and working here.
- You here today are part of this community, and I thank you.