

## The Facts

- Sold the former Anderson Boat building for **\$550,000** to a NEW sales tax producing business
  - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2010-46.pdf>
- Sold the aged City Hall for **\$1,850,000** - 132% over market value – to CVS and will result in improved sales tax revenue to the City
  - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2011-17.pdf>
- Purchased the 22 acre former Caufield square property for **\$1,550,000** (\$1.62 per square foot)
  - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2011-18.pdf>
- Purchased the former Food World property for **\$550,000**
  - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2011-48.pdf>
- Awarded bid to build out the Public Safety Center in the amount of \$2,696,500 with deductions of \$220,000 for a total of **\$2,476,500** –  
<http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2012-36.pdf>
  - Change order for replacement of roof on the oldest section of the building totaled **\$362,674** - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2012-39.pdf>
  - Cost to relocate E911 dispatch is \$88,000 – paid from E911 District Fund, not construction expenses
- Budget for City Hall on City Center development is **\$1,500,000 – \$2,000,000**
  - Out parcels sold to developers and new businesses will offset the construction cost
    - Out parcel sold to Buffalo Wild Wings - **\$122,218**
      - <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/bww.pdf>
  - Sales tax revenue from businesses located in the City Center will offset the construction cost
    - Buffalo Wild Wings projected annual sales tax revenue - **\$90,000**
- Total Investment in these projects to be between **\$3,916,956 - \$4,416,956**
  - **\$313,416 - \$353,424 annual debt service**  
(further reduced with every piece of land sold at the City Center and New Sales Tax Revenue)

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My name is Alvin Currington and I am seeking re-election for a second term to the Gardendale City Council in the upcoming election on **Tuesday, August 28th**. I have been honored to serve the City of Gardendale during these past four years and now I seek your approval to fill this office once again so that I may continue serving you and the City with distinction, honor and integrity.

In the past four years this administration has been able to:

- make great strides in moving our city forward and positioning Gardendale for sustainable economic growth in the future
- prosper during the most challenging times in recent history for our national, state and local economies. We reduced the City's annual debt obligations by \$800,000 (\$1,100,000 in 2008 to \$384,000 in 2012), reduced general operating expenses over \$1,000,000 and brought in new businesses that create in excess of \$300,000 in new sales tax revenue and license fees annually.
- make improvements to our Park and Recreation facilities - complete the first master plan for our Parks and Recreation department since the 1970's - add needed equipment to our Public Works, Police and Fire Departments - expand our Library and Research Center - provide financial support to each classroom in the Gardendale area school system - all of which enhances the quality of life afforded to the citizens of Gardendale

This administration, even in light of the down economy of 2008 and 2009, has produced positive, controlled growth and expansion of our retail and commercial business areas. We established the Business Economic Development Committee in early 2011 that consists of citizens, business owners, elected and appointed people from Gardendale that help advise on different aspects of business recruitment, development and expansion.

- <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2011-03.pdf>
- <http://www.cityofgardendale.com/resolutions/Resolution2011-04.pdf>

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Development of our commercial districts and the addition of a light industrial district during this administration equates to **New** sales tax revenue and business license fees in excess of \$300,000 annually. A few of the more than 27 **New** businesses are:

Witichen Supply (opened 2011) – Kairos (opened 2011) – Donut Joe's (opened 2012)  
Oysters & Stuff (opened 2011) - Dairy Queen (Construction in 2012 – opening 2013)  
Dewey Barber Chevrolet (under construction – opening 2013)  
Buffalo Wild Wings (ground breaking August 2012 – opening December 2012)

The available land on the City Center is a key component to our aggressive pursuit of new retail shops, dining establishments and family entertainment opportunities. Available land is a tremendous incentive to aid in the courting of new businesses and we are capitalizing on this distinct advantage. Because the City must ensure that the vast majority of new businesses locating at the City Center will produce sales tax revenue, it is imperative that we closely monitor and guide this development. The sale of the land to businesses as well as the new sales tax revenues generated from businesses locating on the City Center will be used to offset the cost of the new City Hall.

This administration has worked and continues to work aggressively to help secure the complete redevelopment of the Northgate Shopping Center that will be anchored by Publix. Our participation in this development is secured with a personal guarantee, lease revenues from and sales tax revenue generated by the tenants. This administration worked hard to bring short-term and long-term financing partners to the table. All the costs incurred on behalf of the City related to participating in this project, such as interest, closing and attorney fees are built into the developer's repayment structure.

According to plans, the complete project is a 420 day build out. It will be conducted in three main phases, the first of which will be to build a new 12,000 square foot building to accommodate the relocation of the Dollar Tree store, second will be to demolish the former Goody's space, Dollar Tree Space and part of the Shoe store space and erect the Publix and last will be renovations of the remaining store fronts, parking lot and signage.

My opponent is missing some key facts, numbers and components in his analysis which is leading to the grossly overstated claims of impending financial burdens. With the additional annual revenues from the new businesses referenced above, the City can adequately handle the annual debt service with no need for tax increases, fee increases or reduction in city services. Furthermore, remember that the revenue realized from the sale of property on the City Center is to be used to satisfy this debt service as well.

I feel we must continue to elect leaders who are committed to advancing Gardendale with fresh ideas, bold initiatives, fiscal responsibility and a strong work ethic. **On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Re-Elect Alvin Currington, City Council District 3** and let's keep hardworking, experienced, dedicated and proven leadership in office.