



**Education Task Force Meeting
Agenda
January 29, 2024**

Chair Jeffrey Means
Vice Chair Travis White
Member Jeremy Grimm
Member Lynn Hayes
Member Tanya Floyd

City Manager Mike DaRoza

The City Commission will conduct a
Education Task Force Meeting
At 5:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: January 29, 2024

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers

WORKSHOP 15100 NW 142nd Ter.

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

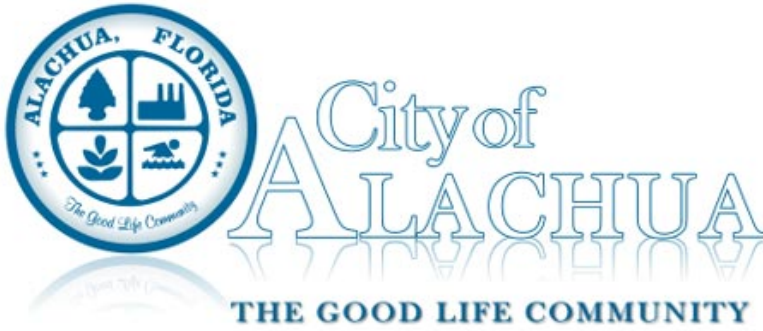
II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Establishment of Strategic Plan Discussion

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

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Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 1/29/2024

SUBJECT: Establishment of Strategic Plan Discussion

PREPARED BY: David Wisener, Economic Development Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Select 6 strategic initiatives in order of priority to establish a strategic plan.

Summary

A list of 14 proposed strategic initiatives has been generated (taking into consideration feedback from the November ETF Workshop) and will be discussed, after which the ETF and participants will rank their top 6 initiatives in order of priority to establish a strategic plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ ETF Strategic Initiative Choices

Education Task Force Workshop, 1/29/2024 – Potential Strategic Initiatives

Please rank your top 6 initiatives from the below list in order of priority (1 being highest)

- Reestablish City MVP and broaden mentoring program to include area businesses and nonprofit organizations (short-term goal).
- Coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce and Optimal Station to provide book vending machines in local schools (short-term goal).
- Work with SBAC and private childcare organizations to expand the number of VPK classes offered in the community (medium-term goal).
- Create a centralized website to provide resources and information for all things revolving around education within the City for parents, teachers and potential residents (medium-term goal).
- Promote and advocate for home visitation programs for low-income families of children aged 0 to 5 such as Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) through SBAC and/or Parents as Teachers through Healthy Start of North Central Florida Coalition (medium-term goal).
- Align efforts for all nonprofit organizations and businesses for funding school projects to reduce redundant efforts (medium-term goal).
- Establish the equivalent of a job fair to educate parents and children about educational opportunities (medium-term goal).
- Establish a mentoring program / co-op for private childcare organization leadership (medium-term goal).
- Establish a plan to improve VPK readiness scores at all VPK programs in the City (long-term goal).
- Coordinate with Children's Home Society and SBAC to establish a Community Partnership School at either Mebane or Alachua Elementary (long-term goal).
- Identify sustainable funding sources from private sector and/or State and Federal Government levels for subsidizing preschool programs for all children in economic need within the City (long-term goal).
- Identify sustainable funding sources from private sector and/or State and Federal Government levels for subsidizing high-dose tutors and family liaisons currently active in community schools through funding by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds that are ending after 2024 (long-term goal).
- Propose solutions to provide consistent transportation for children in need to VPK programs (long-term goal).
- Coordinate with the Special Olympics to help some or all of our community schools become Unified Champion Schools (long-term goal).