



ALACHUA COUNTY, FL  
Joint Alachua County BoCC /  
City of Waldo Special Meeting  
Meeting Agenda

May 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Waldo City Square

14450 NE 148th Avenue, Waldo, FL 32694

In-person **Public Comment** is taken after each non-ministerial motion A the conclusion of the meeting, **individuals** can also speak for up to 3 minutes about any matter during the **General Comment** period.

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- A. Call To Order
- B. Welcome
- C. Introduction
  - 1. Louie Davis, Mayor, City of Waldo
  - 2. Mary Alford, Chair, Alachua County Commission
- D. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Action:  
To approve the Agenda.
- E. Items For Discussion
  - 1. City's Proposed Infrastructure Surtax Partnership Project(s) Update
  - 2. Fire Hydrant Maintenance
  - 3. Fire Suppression System for the Constellation Charter School
  - 4. Downtown and 301 Traffic
  - 5. Gun Violence and Crime Presentation - 24-00404
- F. Public Comment
- G. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion
  - 1. County Commission Comment
  - 2. City Commission Comment
- H. Adjourn

Recommended Action:  
To adjourn the meeting.



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00404**

**Agenda Date: 5/9/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Gun Violence and Crime Presentation

**Presenter:**

Carl Smart, Deputy County Manager of Community & Strategic Initiatives

**Description:**

On August 28, 2023, the Board passed a Resolution Declaring Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis. At the Joint City of Gainesville/County Meeting of January 2024, the Board passed a motion asking staff to identify current steps and stakeholders as well as identify activities related to the local gun violence crisis and return within 60-90 days with a report. On March 25, 2024 staff presented an update on activities and recommendations to address gun violence in Alachua County that included the “10 Essential Activities We Can Take Now to Reduce Gun Violence” and recommended immediate, short-term, and long-term actions that could serve as a draft plan for consideration by the Commission. In response the Board approved \$150,000 of funds allocated from the one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation and asked staff to bring back recommendations during the budget cycle on how to best address the gun violence crisis. Most recently, on April 23, 2024 the Board approved a memorandum of understanding between the City of Gainesville and Santa Fe College creating a Gun Violence Alliance.



# Gun Violence Prevention Actions & Recommendations

May 9, 2024



## **Alachua County BoCC Leadership Commitment**

- BoCC Adopts Resolution Declaring Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis
- BoCC Establishes MOU with the City of Gainesville and Santa Fe College to Address Issue Collaboratively
- BoCC Commits \$150,000 to Addressing Gun Violence Prevention



## **Alachua County BoCC Programs Commitment**

- Alachua County BoCC Programs Deployed in Community Care Call-Outs
- Alachua Co BoCC Programs will be Key Partners in Gun Violence Task Force
- Alachua Co Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center Providing Services to Crime Victims 24/7
- Alachua Co Crisis Center Providing Support and Interventions to Residents in Crisis 24/7
- Alachua Co Social Services Providing Financial Supports to Individuals and Families in Crisis



## Alachua County BoCC Programs Commitment

- Additional Alachua County BoCC Programs
  - CAPP Agencies – Quality Childcare/Education, Food, and Housing
  - Housing Services
  - Veteran Services
  - Community Stabilization Program
  - Foster Grandparent Program
  - Camp Cuscowilla, Alachua Co Parks & Open Space Dept
  - CareerSource
  - Court Services



## **Near Term Recommendations**

- Convene a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Continue participation in Community Care Call-Outs
- Scale-Up Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center and Crisis Center Outreach and Education Programs





## Long Term Recommendation

- Commit to Continuous Improvement based on Data, Evidence, and Peer-to-Peer Learning
- Support Creation of a Long Term Plan to Address Gun Violence
- Research and Implement Gun Violence Prevention Initiatives that Focus on Youth and Families.
- Consider Hosting a Gun Violence Prevention Summit in the Future (2025)



Questions or Direction?