

23718 W US HWY 27
High Springs, Florida 32643



Telephone: (386) 454-1416
Facsimile: (386) 454-2126
Web: www.highsprings.gov

**CITY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING
AGENDA
CITY HALL
23718 W US HWY 27**

AUGUST 28th, 2023

5:00 PM

**MAYOR GLORIA JAMES
VICE MAYOR ROSS AMBROSE
COMMISSIONER TRISTAN GRUNDER
COMMISSIONER KATHERINE WEITZ
COMMISSIONER BYRAN WILLIAMS**

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR GLORIA JAMES

ROLL CALL:

JAMI ECHEVERRI, ASST.CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BUSINESS ITEM

- 1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-Q A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.38(2) FLORIDA STATUTES, DUE TO THE THREAT OF HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM IDALIA; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES; DELEGATING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS, SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 23718 W US HWY 27, HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32643, TELEPHONE (386) 454-1416.

RESOLUTION 2023-Q

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.38(2) FLORIDA STATUTES, DUE TO THE THREAT OF HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM IDALIA PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES; DELEGATING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and,

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-171 declaring a general state of emergency for certain counties of the state; and,

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has recognized the danger to residents of Florida from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Idalia; and

WHEREAS, the City of High Springs has high hazards in the event of a Hurricane/Tropical Storm Idalia; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane/Tropical Storm Idalia has the potential for causing extensive injury to persons or loss of life, and damage to private property as well as damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, and public drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, Sections 252.38 (2) and (3), Florida Statutes authorizes and encourages a municipality to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a municipality by law to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the people of the City of High Springs, Florida including, but not limited to:

1. Entering into contracts;
2. Incurring obligations;
3. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
4. Utilization of volunteer workers;
5. Rental of equipment;
6. Acquisition and distribution of supplies, materials either with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
7. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the People of the City of High Springs to enact an emergency declaration in emergency session on this 28th day of August 2023.

1. The above recitals are true.
2. A state of general emergency hereby exists in High Springs, Florida, effective for five days beginning 5pm, eastern daylight time, this 28th day of August, 2023. The City Manager may extend this period of emergency for additional three-day periods, as may be necessary.
3. The Mayor of the City of High Springs hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City of High Springs pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
 - b. Entering into contracts.
 - c. Incurring obligations.
 - d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers
 - e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
 - f. Rental of equipment.
 - g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
 - i. The specific limits on the authority of the City manager to expend funds and enter into agreements.
4. The City Manager, or his/her designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the City Commission of the City of High Springs, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to declaring curfews or limiting assembly in any part of the City of High Springs as necessary if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of the City of High Springs to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or city ordinance.
5. The City Manager is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to close or limit operations at City Hall and other public entities within the City if, in his discretion, doing so becomes necessary. The City Manager is further empowered, authorized, and directed to implement additional paid leave for City employees in association with the state of emergency.
6. The authority shall extend for the period of the state of general emergency, as determined by the City Manager and his/her designee, or until further action by the City Commission of the City of High Springs terminates such authority or declares the state of general emergency has ended.

7. During the pendency of this emergency and for so long as it is recommended to limit public gatherings, the City Commission of the City of High Springs may meet using technological methods which would allow them to appear via remote means and for the public to appear and participate remotely.
8. This state of emergency shall extend throughout the geographic confines of the City of High Springs, Florida. Pursuant to Sec. 252.38(2), the City shall coordinate its emergency plans with the County Emergency Operations Center.

ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, at an emergency meeting, this 28th day of August 2023.

**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA:**

Honorable Gloria James, Mayor

Attest, By the Asst City Clerk of the
City Commission of The City Of
High Springs, Florida:

Approved As To Form And
Legality:

Asst. City Clerk, Jami Echeverri

S. Scott Walker, City Attorney