

Leadership Team,

In anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Idalia and forecasted impacts to the Gainesville area, City facilities will be closed as of 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. City facilities are expected to remain closed through Wednesday, August 30, 2023. All business meetings scheduled to occur during this timeframe should be cancelled and rescheduled to a later date.

The City has issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency. The City Manager and General Manager of the Utility have suspended all labor agreements accordingly to enable all employees to work the hours necessary for emergency response and storm restoration efforts.

It is important to note, that due to the expected impact of Hurricane Idalia, most departments will be affected by the storm and employees may be called in to work. Individual department heads have the discretion to determine operating needs for their respective areas and call in employees to work as needed. Your supervisor and/or manager will provide specific instructions for employee schedules and roles during this storm.

As a reminder, please be sure that your personal contact information is up to date in Workday, as this will be used to keep employees informed of any additional pertinent information while city offices are closed. Individual departments are encouraged to generate a contact list for their areas so members of your department can stay in contact during and after the storm, if needed.

Most importantly, we want to make sure our employees are safe. Please be sure your family's hurricane kit is up to date and you have the supplies needed for the storm. Bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants and anything else that can be picked up by the wind.

We will continue to keep you informed of new information regarding the storm as it becomes available.

Thank you for your dedication as we prepare for the storm and work to restore services to our neighbors once it has passed.

Sincerely,

Cynthia W. Curry
City Manager