

**JUNE 23, 2026**

**CITY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION**

**AT 6:00 PM**

**LOCATION:  
IRB CIVIC AUDITORIUM  
1507 BAY PALM BLVD  
INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL. 33785**



## **AGENDA**

### **CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

Civic Auditorium/Commission Chambers

1507 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, FL. 33785

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
  - 2. ROLL CALL**
    - **Mayor-Commissioner Lan Vaughan**
    - **Vice-Mayor Commissioner Janet Wilson**
    - **Commissioner John Bigelow**
    - **Commissioner Hilary King**
    - **Commissioner Kellee Watt**
  
  - 3. DISCUSSION: City of Indian Rocks Beach Recycling Program.**
  
  - 4. ADJOURNMENT**
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APPEALS: Any person who decides to appeal any decision made, with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purposes, may 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, per s. 286.0105, F.S. Verbatim transcripts are not furnished by the City of Indian Rocks Beach, and should one be desired, arrangements should be made in advance by the interested party (i.e., Court Reporter).

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**POSTED: June 18, 2026**

**3. DISCUSSION: City of Indian Rocks Beach  
Recycling Program.**

# INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**MEETING OF:** June 23, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM:** 1

**ORIGINATED BY:** Dean A. Scharmen, Public Works Director  
Robin Gomez, Administrative Director

**APPROVED BY:** Ryan Henderson, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of the IRB Curbside Recycling Program

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## BACKGROUND:

The City has conducted a Curbside Recycling Program for numerous years utilizing an outside vendor Waste Connections of Florida, Incorporated.

The current contract with Waste Connections of Florida, Incorporated will expire on December 31, 2026.

The City has held various discussions/reviews regarding the viability of the Curbside Recycling.

The City understands the continued support for a Curbside Recycling Program while reviewing related impacts including cost, environmental and overall trash management.

## ANALYSIS:

Based upon the aforementioned information, the City Commission may consider the following options:

- 1. Discontinue the Curbside Recycling Program in its entirety – the City has the right to terminate/exit the contract with 60 days written notice to the contractor.**

\* This option may have a potential future cost savings to the Solid Waste Recycling Budget and Rate Structure.

- 2. Implement a Hybrid Recycling Drop Off Program within the City at specific locations – Brown Park, City Hall, Nature Preserve and Keegan Clair Park accepting Aluminum and Cardboard commodities only.**

\*\* This option may have a potential future cost savings to the Solid Waste Recycling Budget and Rate Structure.

- 3. Obtain a Request For Proposals for the IRB Curbside Recycling Program – through a piggy-back contract process.**

\* This option may or may not have a cost increase to the Solid Waste Recycling Budget and Rate Structure based on the current Recycling market.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

It should be noted that within the FY 2026 Budget, under the Solid Waste Department Budget, Account Number 402-534-000-034-600, the City has appropriated funds in the amount of \$431,290 to fund the City's Curbside Recycling Program.



# RECYCLING

JUNE 23, 2026



# RECYCLING

**Process of**

**Collecting and processing materials that  
would otherwise be thrown out as trash**

**and**

**Turning them into new products**



# HISTORY IN IRB

## **1. Waste Connections – 2011-**

**current agreement expires 12-31-2026**

## **2. Curbside**

## **3. Multiple Drop-Off Locations**



# WHY RECYCLE?

## Various Benefits

- 1. Environment**
- 2. Economy**
- 3. Community**



**US EPA**



# WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

**CARDBOARD** - flattened

**ALUMINUM** - empty cans

**PAPER** - junk mail, newspaper, office paper, magazines, catalogs

**PLASTIC** - empty bottles (water/beverages), jugs

**GLASS** - empty bottles, containers (rinsed out)



# RECYCLE RIGHT

The items shown below are accepted across Pinellas County.  
Check your local recycling program for additional accepted items.  
Please, no plastic bags or bagged recycling. All items should be clean and dry.



Empty glass bottles,  
jars (no lids)



Empty plastic bottles,  
jugs (no caps)



Empty metal  
cans (no lids)



Flattened cardboard,  
paper, junk mail,  
newspaper, paperboard,  
cartons



# WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

- **Plastic bags**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Pizza boxes, w/ leftover grease and/or cheese**
- **Shredded Paper**
- **Mirrors, broken glass**
- **Paper Towels, napkins, tissues**
- **Food-soiled containers (food, in general)**

**All of the above can contaminate entire batch**



# RECYCLING COSTS

## MONTHLY

➤ Residential	\$31,322.85
➤ Condos	<u>\$ 6,708.50</u>
	\$38,031.35

## FY 26 ANNUAL

\$453,594





# RECYCLING COSTS

## ➤ Fiscal Year Actual:

<b>22</b>	<b>\$216,223</b>	<b>3% inc on 2.1.22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>\$354,986</b>	<b>81% inc on 2.1.23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>\$423,360</b>	<b>2.5% inc on 2.1.24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>\$369,964</b>	<b>did not charge on Oct, Nov, Dec 24</b>
		<b>2.9% inc on 2.1.25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>\$263,437</b>	<b>2.4% inc on 1.1.26</b>

(thru 5.31.26)

**\$453,594 (FY 26 projected)**



# RECYCLING TONS

## Recycled Material in Tons by FY:

**22            755**

**23            785**

**24            686**

**25            415**

**4 years:    2,641 tons, 660.25 avg**



# RECYCLING TONS

## 2026 Recycled Material in Tons:

**Jan 27**

**Feb 30**

**Mar 36**

**Apr 40**

**May 30**

**5-months: 163 tons, 32.6/mo**



# RECYCLING TONS

**Table 1: Sampling Schedule for Municipalities**

Municipality	5 yr Avg. Annual Tonnage	% of Total Tons
Belleair	156.44	0.5%
Belleair Beach	39.12	0.1%
Belleair Bluffs	7.93	0.0%
Belleair Shore	308.36	0.9%
Clearwater	5,225.13	15.7%
Dunedin	2,894.69	8.7%
Gulfport	223.20	0.7%
Indian Rocks Beach	278.90	0.8%

Municipality	5 yr Avg. Annual Tonnage	% of Total Tons
Indian Shores	77.74	0.2%
Kenneth City	90.42	0.3%
Largo	3,773.59	11.4%
Madeira Beach	242.75	0.7%
N Redington Beach	128.15	0.4%
Oldsmar	836.52	2.5%
Pinellas Park	1,293.03	3.9%
Redington Beach	85.97	0.3%



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**Table 1: Sampling Schedule for Municipalities**

Municipality	5 yr Avg. Annual Tonnage	% of Total Tons
Redington Shores	72.99	0.2%
Safety Harbor	1,352.55	4.1%
Seminole	844.91	2.5%
South Pasadena	82.19	0.2%
St. Pete Beach	716.63	2.2%
St. Petersburg	12,827.20	38.6%
Tarpon Springs	1,206.39	3.6%
Treasure Island	457.39	1.4%
Total	33,222.18	100%



2024 Municipal and County Recyclables Composition Study  
May 2024





# Recycling %'s vs Contamination

- **Approximately 75% is recyclable**
- **Approximately 25% contamination rate**



# IRB DROP-OFF CENTERS





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# **Recycling Options for Consideration**

## **➤ Discontinue Curbside Recycling Completely**

**- terminate/exit contract w/ 60 days written notice**

- ❖ Will reduce over-all Solid Waste costs – per ton fee**
- ❖ Materials become part of regular waste stream – lower per ton fee**
- ❖ Restructure Rates/fees**



# **Recycling Options for Consideration**

- **Hybrid Drop Off at Specific Locations**
  - **Brown Park, City Hall, Nature Preserve, Museum**
  - ❖ **Still Recycling Carboard and Aluminum**
  - ❖ **Will reduce over-all Solid Waste costs – per ton fee**
  - ❖ **Restructure Rates/fees**



# **Recycling Options for Consideration**

- **Obtain a Request for Proposals (RFP)**
  - use existing government bid/contract
  - ❖ **Continues Curbside Recycling – costs unknown**
  - ❖ **Restructure Rates/fees**

# Thank you !

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## **4. ADJOURNMENT**