

COUNCIL AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: The Mayor and Members of City Council

DATE: October 8, 2009

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DATE: October 15, 2009

RE: Curbside Recycling

ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting City Council refer the above to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee for discussion.

RATIONALE:

The Pinellas County Commission is planning to seek bids to provide curbside recycling for areas including St. Petersburg. The State of Florida is in the process of raising the target for recycling to 75 percent of the waste stream. The City of St. Petersburg has a substantial Sanitation Department with considerable experience in collecting waste.

The advent of curbside recycling and rising state expectations will inherently impact our City's budget. It is in our best interest and the interest of our taxpayers that we investigate bidding for the collection of the recyclable portion of the waste stream and look for ways that we might find efficiencies within the Sanitation Department.

The City of Gainesville and Sarasota provide both services and have reconfigured their services to reflect this. I am requesting that the Administration and SEIU representatives begin conversations in preparation for this opportunity and report to the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee to discuss.

Karl Nurse
City Council Member