



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT - CITY COUNCIL SEAT 5

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Full Name:
Home Address:
City:
Telephone Number: Zip Code:
Email Address: Fax Number:

EMPLOYMENT

Employer: Occupation:
Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Telephone Number: Fax Number:
Email Address:
Job Responsibilities:

EDUCATION

High School Name:
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:
College Business or Trade School:
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:
Professional School:
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:
Other:
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Have you ever held a business tax receipt? Yes No *If yes, please provide the following:*

Title:

Issue Date: Issuing Authority:

If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken:

Disciplinary Action: Disciplinary Date:

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No *If yes, how long?* Years Months

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County? Years Months

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

Are you a registered voter of the City? Yes No

Are you employed by the City? Yes No *If yes, what department?*

Do you presently serve on a City board(s)? Yes No *If yes, please list board(s):*

Have you previously served on a City board(s)? Yes No *If yes, please list board(s):*

Are you currently serving on a board, authority, or commission for another governmental agency?

Yes No *If yes, what board(s):*

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty to a criminal charge or pled nolo contendere (no contest)

to a criminal charge? Yes No *If yes, what charge:*

Where: When:

Disposition was: Convicted Pled Guilty Pled No Contest

Have your civil rights been restored? Yes No

Are you a member or participant of any community organizations? Yes No

If yes, please list:

What are your hobbies / interests?

Why do you want to serve on City Council?

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

By filing this application with the City of Palm Bay and placing my signature below, I do hereby acknowledge the following:

1. This Application, when completed and filed with the Office of the City Clerk, is a PUBLIC RECORD under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and is open to public inspection.
2. I am responsible for keeping the information on this form current and that any changes or updates will be provided to the Office of the City Clerk.
3. I consent to filing the Statement of Financial Interests. <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us>
4. If appointed, I acknowledge that it is my obligation and duty to comply with the following:

Code of Ethics for Public Officials (Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III)
Florida Sunshine Law (Florida Statutes, Chapter 286)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes>

5. I understand the responsibilities associated with being a council member, and will have adequate time to serve on City Council.

The information provided on this form is true and correct, and consent is hereby given to the City Council or its designated representative to verify any and/or all information provided.

Signature:

Submit the application to:
City of Palm Bay
Office of the City Clerk
120 Malabar Road, SE
Palm Bay, Florida 32907

City of Palm Bay, Florida

RESIDENCY OF CANDIDATE AFFIDAVIT

I, Thomas L Gaume Jr., a candidate for the Office of City Council (check one);

- Mayor
- City Council Seat 2
- City Council Seat 3
- City Council Seat 4
- City Council Seat 5

do hereby solemnly swear or affirm:

- 1) I have been a resident of the City of Palm Bay for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the selection date (April 13, 2023).
- 2) I am a registered voter of the City of Palm Bay, residing at a City address.
- 3) Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
If 'yes', have your civil rights been restored? Yes No

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

3/24/2023 
Date Signature of Candidate

Address: 1700 Lantana Ct. NW

City: Palm Bay State: FL Zip Code: 32907



AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN FDLE BACKGROUND REPORT(S)

I hereby authorize the City of Palm Bay (the "City") to request and receive criminal history record information from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) or similar law enforcement/governmental agencies about me for purposes of City Council considering my application to be appointed to a current vacancy on the City Council, including but not limited to, for purposes of confirming my fitness for initial appointment to fill this vacancy, and any other use not prohibited by law. I acknowledge the criminal history report will be provided to City Council to aid in their decision making. I understand that I may withhold my permission and that in such a case, no investigation will be done, and the City Council will not consider my application to fill the vacant seat on City Council.

This Authorization is valid for current reports, and I specifically understand that the City intends for this Authorization to cover only my application for the current vacancy. I further understand that I am responsible for the costs associated with the criminal background check (\$24.00*).

Thomas L. Gaume Jr.

Printed Name (First, Middle, Last)


Signature

3/24/2023

Date

*Payable by check, cash or money order

Honorable Mayor, and City Council Members,

As a 30 year resident and active community member of Palm Bay, I believe I would be the best selection for the vacant city council seat. My extensive experience in business, technology, and community involvement uniquely qualifies me to effectively serve the citizens of Palm Bay.

First and foremost, my experience as a successful entrepreneur and business owner would be a valuable asset to the council. I founded and operated two successful businesses, Airwire, which provided high-speed wireless internet to businesses in the area, and before that Hy-Tech Wholesale where my business supplied custom IT solutions to fortune 500 companies. This experience taught me the importance of innovation, customer service, and adapting to the constantly changing market. As a council member, I would use these skills to help attract new businesses and economic growth to our city.

My commitment to community service is a testament to my dedication to the betterment of the city of Palm Bay. As a board member of Palm Bay West Little League, I worked tirelessly to provide equal support for both girls and boys teams, petitioning Little League Baseball in Williamsport, VA to issue the State of Florida's first charter for a Little League fast pitch softball program for girls. I also formed the area's first Challenger division for athletes with disabilities, demonstrating my inclusivity and empathy for marginalized communities.

My involvement in community organizations like the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Space Coast Transportation and Planning Organization further demonstrate my dedication to improving the lives of Palm Bay residents.

I have also worked closely with the city on important issues for our community. As

Chairman of The Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, under my direction the Chamber worked with the city to streamline the permitting process for new homes and businesses. While at the same time working to minimize the impact of a major construction project to widen and improve Palm Bay Rd. Right through the middle of our business district for 18 months.

Also during my term as Chairman of the Chamber, tragedy struck Palm Bay. 13,500 acres of our city burned. Within three days, 36 homes were destroyed, with 250 others damaged. Another 2,000, though, were saved by firefighters. The Chamber was stationed on the Air Force Annex providing backline support by leveraging our Chamber Partners to bring prepared meals, pallets of new socks, underwear, and hygiene items to support not only our firefighters, but firefighters from all over the US. Our community stood up strong and survived.

I led a group of Citizens to successfully remove the power to assess from a 2016 - 2018 Palm Bay city council that was rife with corruption and nepotism, demonstrating my willingness to stand up for what is right and just for our community. This was the first successful petition in the City's history not only to be put to referendum, but to pass.

My leadership role in securing approval of a \$150M bond referendum can not be overlooked. After decades of Palm Bay Citizens living and driving on substandard roads, we are now in the process of executing phase 3 of an 8 year plan to bring all of our infrastructure up to a maintainable standard. This has already produced a positive impact to Palm Bay's current economic development, and future viability.

Furthermore, my long-term residency in Palm Bay, spanning five generations, has given me a unique perspective and understanding of the city's history, strengths, and challenges. This deep connection to the community has instilled in me a sense of responsibility to serve and give back to my fellow citizens.

Before I moved to Palm Bay, my Grandparents, & Aunt and Uncle lived here. I was here visiting them one night in April, 1987. My Aunt was a dispatcher for Melbourne PD, and my cousin was an EMT. We were all together when it came over the radio. My Aunt, Cousin, and I raced up to help in any way we could, as we were all trained first responders. That was my first time witnessing Palm Bay PD in action as they dealt with the mass murderer William Cruse who was on a shooting spree. I didn't get close, but I did see the ambulances roll out of the Winn Dixie parking lot with bullet holes in them. The need to make Palm Bay a better place is rooted right there on that day in our city's history, and impossible to express in a couple short paragraphs when it comes to this document's question of "why?".

My long-term residency in Palm Bay, spanning five generations, has given me a unique perspective and understanding of the city's history, strengths, and challenges. I am deeply committed to serving and giving back to my fellow citizens. If selected for the vacant city council seat, I would prioritize transparency, accountability, and open communication with residents. I pledge to work tirelessly to ensure that residents are informed and engaged in the decision-making process and that their voices are heard.

As a 12-year US Navy veteran with combat experience, I understand the importance of honor, commitment, and courage. These values would guide my work as a council member, as I strive to use my skills and knowledge to serve the citizens of Palm Bay and work towards a brighter future for our city. I stand ready, willing, and able to serve our City to the absolute best of my ability beginning on day one.

Thomas L Gaume