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New Port Richey, FL 34653
June 13, 2022

Ms. Debbie Manns
City Manager, City of New Port Richey
5919 Main Street
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Subject: Joseph A. Maytum Water Treatment Plant

Dear Ms. Manns:

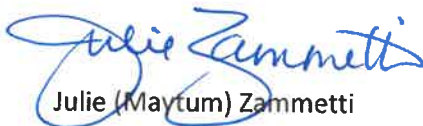
I write to you regarding the Joseph A. Maytum Water Treatment Plant located at 9748 DeCubellis Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654. I wish to respectfully request the City's consideration of a name change from Joseph A. Maytum to William C. Maytum. William (Bill) Maytum was my father and served on City Council for a total of 12 years, and Vice-Mayor for one. His grandfather, Capt. C.W. Critchley was the first president of New Port Richey back in 1924. A couple of years back my father returned the gavel that was inscribed with his grandfather's name to the City. I hope it is still being used today.

While my father was on Council, his passion was expansion of the City's water and sewer utilities. He was quite the visionary and understood that the growth to this area would require planning to meet the City's future needs. He, along with County Commissioner Dan Chambers, were the negotiators who drew service boundaries that came to be known as the Maytum-Chambers line. He was also instrumental in the development of the Starkey wellfield. I have included several newspaper clippings to support my information as well as gathering insight from former City Manager Tom O'Neill.

While my father was still alive, I had asked him why the plant was named for his father instead of him. He said back in that day it was not traditional to name anything after a living person. Instead, the city chose to name it after his father, Joseph A. Maytum, who had also served as City Councilman and Building Inspector. I told Dad when he died, I would work to see about getting the rightful person's name on that plant. I vividly remember telling him that again just days before he passed, not knowing he would die very unexpectedly. I did speak to Mayor Rob Marlowe at my father's funeral and told him what I hoped to accomplish and asked how I should go about making such a request. He told me I needed to present my information to you.

It has taken me 10 months to finally have the emotional stability to approach this issue. My father was a very special man and he is sorely missed. I will be so honored if the Council will consider my request.

Regards,


Julie (Maytum) Zammetti

King Pithla's Roots Deep In NPR Soil

By HOWARD WOLINSKY

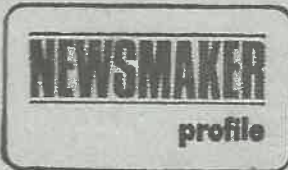
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NEW PORT RICHEY

For three generations, the family of New Port Richey Councilman William C. Maytum has served the City of New Port Richey.

William Critchley, Maytum's grandfather, was the first council president nearly 50 years ago. His father, Joseph Maytum, was a councilman in the 1940s and died in office as city building inspector.

But interest in the city's water and sewer problems,



rather than tradition, led Maytum, 38, to run for the council four years ago.

AS THE owner of a water system in Palm Harbor and a professional electrician, Maytum felt he could help his hometown's efforts to upgrade these services. He still links his political future to these massive improvements.

Maytum's New Port Richey roots are deep. He grew up on the banks of the Pithlachascoote River in a house handcrafted by his father, a former shipbuilder from Bristol, R.I. Maytum, his wife Lavaghn and daughters, Cindy, 12, and Julie, 10, live in a house at 630 E Montana on which his father worked.

Even as a child, Maytum had a knack for electrical work. He worked for an electrical contractor when he was in high school and taught electronics when he was in the U.S. Air Force.



WILLIAM MAYTUM
... NPR councilman.

AFTER HE finished a four-year military stint, Maytum, unlike many of his classmates from Gulf High School, decided to return to New Port Richey. "It was home," the slender, contemplative Maytum said.

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KING PITHLA . . . William Maytum

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In 1958 he set up his own electrical contracting business. The next year he became a member of the city's Electrical Board a position he held for 10 years. He is currently on the county's equivalent to that board.

Maytum purchased the 400-customer Palm Harbor water works in 1963. He learned first hand about chlorinators, wells and pumps and about problems with running a utility. He sold the plant to Pinellas county in 1972.

MAYTUM said he decided to get involved in city government when he learned of New Port Richey's plans to expand its water and sewage treatment facilities. He was elected to the council in 1970 and again in 1972.

Although the city has made progress on its utility improvements, it ran into difficulty reaching agreements with the County Commission.

Maytum, acting as the city's representative, and County Commissioner Dan Chambers last year were the negotiators who drew service boundaries that came to be known as the Maytum-Chambers line. Although Maytum minimizes the significance of the agreement, it is one of the few the two governments have reached.

HIS EFFORTS as a community leader have not gone unrecognized; he recently was named King Pithla during the annual Chasco Fiesta.

Maytum hopes to continue to work on future agreements that eventually will result in the operation of the expanded utilities. He bases his political future on this work.

"I don't know whether I'll run for re-election in December," he said. "It all depends on how things are going with the water expansion and sewage treatment plant. I have to see this work through."

West Pasco profile: William Maytum

by Katherine Black

When city councilman William Maytum became a member of the New Port Richey City Council, eight years ago, he was carrying on a family tradition that began when his grandfather, William Critchley served on New Port Richey's first City Council.

Bill's father, Joseph Maytum, served on the council in the late forties. The Joseph Maytum Pumping Station at the Starkey Wellfield was named in his honor.

Bill Maytum was born in New Port Richey in 1935, and attended the Pierce Grammer School, which is the site of the present city hall. In fact, Bill says his first grade classroom was located where the Mayor's office is now. He graduated from Gulf High School in 1952 in a class of 29 members.

In 1954, Maytum entered the U.S. Air Force, where he was in Communications and Electronics Maintenance and served in



WILLIAM MAYTUM

the Far Eastern Theater. Like many boys in service, when he completed his tour of duty, he wanted to return to his home town. In 1958, he came back to New Port Richey and opened an electrical contracting business.

In 1963, he bought the Palm Harbor Water Works and "That's how I got involved in utilities," he said. Maytum's experience in that field has made him a valuable member of the New Port Richey City Council. During the years he has

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Comprehensive Plan for New Port Richey must be studied "very carefully and very closely."

Maytum is also interested in the 201 Regional Sewer System, and of the water supply for the city. Maytum cautions, "When you get into a program of solid waste disposal, it is very expensive and has immediate cost effects on the people of the town, and you can't afford to make mistakes in your planning."

For relaxation, Maytum enjoys hunting and fishing. Photography was one of his hobbies before he became involved with his council duties. He hopes to resume that hobby since he did not choose to run for another term on the council.

Although Maytum hopes to have more time to spend with his wife, LaVaughn, and their two daughters, Cindy, 16, and Julie, 14, he assures all that he'll still be highly visible at many council meetings.

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served on the council, much of its time and energy has been devoted to the development of the Starkey Wellfield, as a major source of the water supply for the city. Maytum's expertise during the years of developing the city water supply system has been invaluable to the council and the city.

Maytum's knowledge of electronics has also been utilized by the city. He served 10 years on the city electrical board and helped to formulate the city's electrical code.

Maytum's interests are many and varied, and are reflected in the many other areas in which he is involved. He is president of the Richey Suncoast Theater and is also a director on the theatre's board. He is a trustee of the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City, a member of the Pasco County Preservation Committee, and a director in the Ellis First National Bank.

Having been born in New Port Richey, and seeing the rapid changes that have occurred in his home town, the past few years, Maytum is interested in preserving the city's historical landmarks.

He is also concerned with the future of the city, as well as its past, and feels that the

Maytum: City Attorney

"doing a fine job"

by Katherine Black

At last week's city council meeting, Ed Heveran, Richard Jordon and Mr. Feuss of the People's State Bank appeared before the City Council and suggested the city could receive better banking services by combining all their banking business in a one package deal, on a bidding basis.

Although the People's State Bank is outside the city limits of New Port Richey Heveran pointed out that they are in the New Port Richey service area. Council members referred the matter to the staff.

Councilman Bill Maytum was appointed as a liaison between the city and county in reference to the bulk water agreement between the city and the county. Maytum has been active in negotiations in the bulk water agreement since the city became involved in obtaining water from the Starkey Wellfield. Councilman Maytum told council members he would meet at least once a month with the county representative.

A report was given by City

Manager John Gallagher regarding the comparative costs of hiring a full time city attorney, versus the cost of a part time city attorney. Gallagher reported that an attorney with no previous experience would cost between \$15,000 and \$19,000 a year. One who had two years experience would cost \$22,000, and an experienced full time attorney would cost \$32,178 a year, as compared to the \$26,363 the city now pays, City Attorney Jack McPherson.

Mayor John Durney said, "We would not be getting the expertise, and it would cost more in the long run."

Councilman Maytum agreed, saying, "Based on the last few years, the complex legal problems we've had, the continuity has been an important factor." Maytum continued, "We're too big to be little, and too little to be big." I feel we're doing very well as we are. I think it is in the interest of good government to have an experienced attorney to guide us. I think our city attorney is doing a fine job."

Tony Stelzner who lives on Berkely Road requested that the city council authorize the closing of Berkely Road. Stelzner said large trucks and vehicular traffic are using the street as a short cut off of U.S. 19. He said that the paving in the street is not built for that kind of heavy traffic.

He also complained of the disturbances occurring at the Captains Quarters Bar. He requested that the city revoke the Bar's license. City Attorney McPherson explained that the city only issued an occupational license, and the state Beverage Commission issued the liquor licenses.

When Stelzner told the council how many times the police have been called to the

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Bar, McPherson asked Police Chief James Bottner how many times they had been called, Bottner cited 32 calls, with charges ranging from fights, assault, drunk and disorderly conduct, larceny etc. McPherson said that further investigations will be made.

In other business, the question of how long camper trailers, vans, and other such vehicles can be parked on city and private property, arose. City Manager Gallagher says he needs guidance in the implementation of this ordinance, because, "If you exclude the travel trailers, such as Winnebagos, Jet Streams, etc, then you can't make exceptions about other vehicles such as vans, campers, and camper trucks." Councilman Maytum said "Classification (of the vehicles) is the problem. No action was taken on the matter, except to limit to a 7 day period parking for vehicles in which persons are

Maytum seeks re-election to city council



WILLIAM MAYTUM

Incumbent William Maytum is now seeking his second term to the New Port Richey City council.

Maytum filed Tuesday morning for the election, which will be held in December.

Maytum, 37, is a New Port Richey native. He graduated from the old Gulf High School in 1952, spent four years in the U.S. Air Force (1954-58) and then came back here where he started an electrical business.

Maytum comes from a

family of councilmen. . . "I'm probably the first third generation councilman the city has had," he said.

In the 1920s his grandfather, William Critchley, was the first president of a New Port Richey city council. In the 1940s his father, Joseph, served on the city council.

Maytum said "the biggest reason I'm running again is to see through to a completion the water expansion program in the city.

"I want to make sure that New Port Richey has an adequate water supply for many years to come," Maytum declared.

"I also want to help lay the foundation for the expansion and modernization of sewer treatment plant."

Maytum said that he wants the city's recreation program to continue basically as it has been.

"I can't see that we need to make any major changes.

"I am, however, in

favor of Pasco County paying its fair share to New Port Richey citizens," Maytum said.

"We are providing facilities for county residents, but the county is not paying for it."

Regarding the Government in the Sunshine law, Maytum said he is 100 per cent in favor of it, with certain exceptions.

"My main exception is when we are dealing with personnel . . . for example, an applicant who holds another position might be jeopardizing his job if he has to be interviewed publicly."

Maytum said that he is, however, in favor of expanding the sunshine law to the federal level.

Maytum emphasized that he will run a positive campaign.

"It will be based on what I personally have to offer the people. If I can't say something good about another candidate then I'll keep my mouth shut," he said.

RUBY

CARLEY

New Port Richey's first council had problems with finances

NEW PORT RICHEY — The gavel of burnished wood bandied in silver was hidden away and its existence unknown for a half-century.

Was it happenstance or fate that it wasn't discovered until William Maytum was a city councilman in New Port Richey?

The gavel belonged to Capt. C. W. Critchley, the first president of New Port Richey's first City Council that was organized in 1924 when the city incorporated.

Maytum, who is serving his third term on the council, just happened to be in the city hall one day three years ago when he heard someone say, "Who was C. W. Critchley?" June Sachs, city clerk, had discovered the gavel with Critchley's name engraved on the silver band, in the deep recesses of the city vault. Critchley was Maytum's grandfather.

It's one of Maytum's cherished heirlooms and last week when he related some of New Port Richey's history at the West Pasco Historical Society meeting, he exhibited his grandfather's picture and the gavel he used to assemble his fellow councilmen in the old Snell Hall.

That first council had a myriad of problems — most of them stemming from a lack of funds. There was a time when the city employees were paid in script that they could use to make purchases at local stores.

Capt. Critchley and two other dedicated citizens signed notes totalling \$3,000 to keep the fledgling city solvent. Critchley's faith in the future of the city, and the \$3,000 paid off — during his grandson's time on the council, the New Port Richey city budget has reached about \$3-million.

Maytum related some of his boyhood memories and events that occurred mostly in the 1940s. He remembers the beautiful music that filled the air in the community at Christmas time. The music was broadcast through loud speakers installed in the cupola at the Chasco Hardware building on South Boulevard. "On clear, still nights it could be heard in Eifers," he said.

But most of his memories centered around his days at



Maytum with his grandfather's picture and gavel.

Gulf High School. "There was always the chance that our school wouldn't have the required enrollment to continue as a school," he said. "And, the horrible fear that we would be sent to Tarpon Springs High. To us (the students) that was unthinkable — they were our arch rivals in football and other athletics — to have to go there would have been a catastrophe.

"I have seen many students who were ill, but they would manage to come and register and then go home and to bed, in order that the registration would not decline. We would go to school an hour early and help do the janitorial work. We kept St. Clair field cleaned up — that was an important

part of our pep rallies."

When a chemistry lab was needed and no funds available for one, the students worked after hours and built one. "We built tables, covered them with lead, ran the pipes and I'm sure we got more out of that lab than a class that just walked into a million dollar lab," he said.

"In 1951, when the Chasco Fiesta was located at St. Clair Field, the coach nearly had a stroke — they (the committee) built a large stage in the center of the field entirely out of clay. When Fiesta was over, naturally the committee had no more use for that clay stage, so they very generously donated it to us. We (the football team) pushed it down and leveled it entirely by hand." But they did have an advantage on certain occasions. "When we played home games and won the toss, we always elected to run down the slope." He said the field sloped down to the river.

He remembers the dedicated teachers who were always ready to help the students and he remembers "Mac" McIntyre, the shop instructor, who was a good instructor and disciplinarian.

"In those days, the street lights didn't come on automatically — the policemen rode around and turned them on by turning on a switch on each pole — and at 11 p.m. they would make the rounds again turning them off," he said.

He said the theatres closed down in New Port Richey during World War II but sometimes a traveling show set up on the vacant lot where the post office was located. But, the Fourth of July celebrations and picnic given each year by the volunteer firemen were popular events when all the residents turned out. This event took place on a vacant lot (where Potter's IGA now stands).

As president of the Richey-Suncoast Theatre here, Maytum is compiling the history of the old theatre building that was purchased and restored by the theatre group. He said if plans now in the making are successful, the theatre will become the first building in New Port Richey to be officially designated as an historical building.