

Sara and her family are dear friends of mine. They all played an active part in my campaign, and I have volunteered with them, most Friday evenings, serving a warm home-cooked dinner to the homeless and food-insecure here in Clearwater.

Sara is 8 and has been participating in this volunteer work since she was about 3. She also attends just about every single Thursday evening Council meeting. She sits with her parents, listens, and takes notes. Every once in a while Sara will draw a picture or write a note to share with the Mayor or one of our Council members. When our City Manger Bill Horne passed away, Sara gave a thoughtful note to Mayor Hibbard after we shared our grief over Mr. Horne's passing.

On May 19, Sara chose to fill out a comment card and made her first comments, at the podium, before the Council.

1. Please tell me a little about yourself (age, grade in school, personality)

I am 8.

I am in 2nd grade.

My personality is creative.

2. What do you like best about school?

My teachers.

3. What do you like to do in your free time, any hobbies?

Gymnastics.

4. I notice you attend nearly every City Council meeting on Thursday evenings. Can you tell me about that?

I care about what people like and don't like about the city.

What's your routine?

Get ready, take notes, listen and have fun.

What do you think about the meetings? They are a way of knowing more about the city and what people think about the city.

What have you learned while attending the meetings? So many people start amazing businesses.

Have you ever spoken before the Council? Why or why not? I just spoke last week (May 19-22). I was nervous, but I was happy to speak about my opinion.

- 5. I know you have done some volunteer work in our community. Can you tell me about that?**

I go to volunteering and serve food to the homeless.

- 6. During your volunteer work you've developed a pretty special relationship with several Clearwater Police officers. Can you tell me about that?** The officers are kind. We've become friends with officer Winter, Officer Dan and Officer Alexis. Officer Alexis has a toy pig in her car. We have lunch together sometimes.

- 7. You wrote me a letter in May of 2020 telling me you didn't like the Council decision to cancel fireworks for the 4th of July because of the Covid pandemic. I appreciate that you shared your opinion and reasons why. Do you have any suggestions now about how Clearwater could improve?** No.