

City of Victoria 2019 Citizens Academy: Class # 12

Every Thursday from January 10 – March 7, 2019

Overview

- **Nine consecutive Thursday evenings: 6 to 8:00 pm**
- A meal and drinks are provided at each session.
- Participants should attend every session.
- Three optional sessions are planned
- Five sessions will be held at 700 Main Center, Room 205, the rest at other city facilities
- Limited to 20 City residents, a background check is conducted for each applicant.

Schedule

Session 1. January 10, 2019; 6 p.m.: Government 101: Enhancing Livability (Session held at Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Overview of City Government/City Council/History:

Mayor Paul Polasek

City Manager Charmelle Garrett

Assistant City Manager John Kaminski

City Budget:

Finance Director Gilbert Reyna

Session 2. January 17, 2019; 6 p.m.: A Three-Tiered Approach to Economic Development (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Victoria Economic Development & Primary Jobs:

VEDC Director Dale Fowler

Vice President of Marketing Jeff Lyon

CVB Overview, Explore Victoria Texas:

CVB Director Joel Novosad

Retail Recruitment:

Assistant City Manager John Kaminski

Session 3. January 24, 2019; 6 p.m.: At Your Service/The Victoria Water System: Public Works Department (session will be held at the Surface Water Treatment Plant; turn west on Independence Drive (off of Vine St) and go through the plant gates.)

Utilities, Streets, Drainage, Engineering, Traffic Control, Utility Billing, Industrial Pretreatment and Storm Water:

Director of Public Works Donald Reese

Session 4. January 31, 2019; 6 p.m.: As the City Grows: Development Services Department (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Development Services Department Overview:

Director Julie Fulgham

Development Center – Permitting & Inspections:

Deputy Director Rick Madrid

GIS Mapping on the Internet:

GIS Manager: Adrian Canas

*** OPTIONAL SESSION # 1**

Tuesday, noon, February 5, 2019 - Tour the 9-1-1 Communications Center (Meet at Room 205, 700 Main Center); Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at academy sessions)

9-1-1 Call Center Coordinator: *Ted Thompson*

Session 5. February 7, 2019; 6 p.m.: To Protect and Serve: Police - (session will be held at the Police Station located at the corner of Church St. and 306 S. Bridge; this session will run until 8:30 or later)

Police Department Overview: *Police Chief Jeff Craig*

Demonstrations (Evidence unit, SWAT, and other demonstrations)

Session 6. February 14, 2019; 6 p.m.: The Good Life: Library and Parks & Recreation (session scheduled for the Bronte Room in the Victoria Public Library, 302 N Main St.)

Parks and Recreation Overview:

Director of Parks and Recreation Colby VanGundy

The Victoria Public Library - Where the Journey Begins:

Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone

Stay Connected With Technology:

Training Services Manager Katherine Henley

Connecting with the Community and Future Projects:

Assistant Library Director Jessica Berger

*** OPTIONAL SESSION # 2**

Tuesday, 5 p.m., February 19, 2019 - Attend City Council Meeting at City Council Chambers – corner of Juan Linn and Main Street (meal included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at prior academy sessions)

Session 7. February 21, 2019; 6 p.m.: Earth Friendly: Environmental Services (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Solid Waste, Curbside Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste: *Director of Environmental Services Darryl Lesak*

Education Programs (Victoria Kids Recycle & Idle Free Jamboree): *Education Specialist Tiffany Koenig*

*** OPTIONAL SESSION #3**

Tuesday, noon, February 26, 2019 – Emergency Operations for the City and County); Richard McBrayer –Emergency Management Coordinator (Meet at the EOC, 205 N. Bridge St., Ste. B101) Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at prior academy sessions)

Session 8. February 28, 2019; 6 p.m.: Fire Department - The Leader in Emergency Service (session will be held at Fire Training Facility, 1411 SW Ben Jordan East – this session could run until late)

Fire Department Overview and Demonstrations:

*Fire Chief Robert Fox and
Assistant Chief Shannon Martin*

Training Facility Tour, Jaws-of-Life Demonstration, High-Rise Demonstration

Session 9. March 7, 2019; 6 p.m.: Foundations of Municipal Government: Be a Resource, Provide Justice and Legislate (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Municipal Court Overview:

Municipal Court Clerk Tiffany Totah

City Secretary Office:

City Secretary April Hilbrich

Legal:

City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz

Q & A session, Awarding Certificates:

City Manager Charmelle Garrett