

City of Victoria 2010 Citizens Academy
Class # 8

Every Thursday from January 7 – March 4, 2010

Logistics

- **Nine consecutive Thursday evenings: 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm**
- A meal and drinks are provided at each session
- Participants should plan to attend all sessions
- Two optional lunch sessions and one City Council meeting (see below) are also scheduled
- Four sessions will be held at 700 Main Center, Room 204, the rest at other city facilities

Schedule

Session 1. January 7, 2010; 6 p.m.: Who Are We? City Manager; City Secretary; Finance Director (Session held at Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Overview of City Government/City Council/History
City Manager Charles Windwehen
Deputy City Manager Charmelle Garrett

City Secretary Office
City Secretary Scarlet Swoboda

City Budget Overview
Finance Director Gilbert Reyna

Session 2. January 14, 2010; 6 p.m.: The Victoria Water System: Public Works Department (session will be held at the Surface Water Treatment Plant – enter via Riverside Park between Elder Field and the Children’s Playground)

Water/Waste Water / *Director of Public Works Lynn Short*

Utility Billing Office / *Donald Reese*

Pretreatment Services / *Pretreatment Manager – Jim Cantrell*

Session 3. January 21, 2010; 6 p.m.: Environmentally Friendly: Environmental Services (Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Overview, Water Issues, Environmental Services
Environmental Services Director Jerry James

Solid Waste: *Darryl Lesak, Deputy Director of Environmental Services*

Air Quality and Clean Cities
Air Quality Coordinator – Marie Lester

Recycling
Educational Specialist – Rachel Brown

Session 4. January 28, 2010; 6 p.m.: As the City Grows – Development Services Department (Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Development Services Department Overview: *Director John Kaminski*

Development Center – Permitting & Inspections: *Ray Miller, Deputy Director*

Neighborhood Planning and Code Enforcement: *Jared Mayfield, Planning Manager*

GIS Mapping on the Internet: - *Adrian Canas*

Session 5. February 4, 2010; 6 p.m.: Emergency Response – Fire Department and Emergency Management Coordinator - (session will be held at Fire Station # 1, 606 E. Goodwin – this session will run until 8:30 or later)

Fire Department/EMS Overview and Demonstrations
Fire Chief Vance Riley

Fire Dept. Equipment Tour, Crash Victim Extraction
Demonstration

Session 6. February 11, 2010; 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.)

The Victoria Public Library / *Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone.*

Parks and Recreation / *Parks Director Doug Cochran
Recreation Manager & Community Center Manager
Shane Simon*

Session 7. February 18, 2010; 6 p.m.: To Protect and Serve – POLICE -(session will be held at the Police Station located at the corner of Church St and Bridge; this session will run until 8:30 or later)

Police Department Overview / *Police Chief Bruce Ure & Deputy Chief Roy Boyd*

Demonstrations (Evidence unit, SWAT, and other demonstrations)

Session 8. February 25, 2010; 6 p.m.: At Your Service – Public Works(Session to be held at the Navarro Del Norte Service Center, 8505 N. Navarro St)

Public Works – Streets, Master Drainage, and Traffic / *Lynn Short, Director*

Session 9. March 4, 2010; 6 p.m.: Making Victoria Better: Municipal Court; Economic Development and City Manager (Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Municipal Court Overview/ *Municipal Court Manager Mary Danysh*

Victoria Economic Development Corporation – *Dale Fowler, Executive Director*

Q & A session, Awarding Certificates with *City Manager Charles Windwehen*

Optional Sessions

- 1) **Tuesday, noon, January 26, 2010 - Tour the 9-1-1 Communications Center (Meet at room 204, 700 Main Center);** Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign up sheet will be passed around at the first academy session)
- 2) **Wednesday, noon, February 10, 2010 – Emergency Operations for the City and County); Jeb Lacey – Emergency Management Coordinator (Meet at room 204, 700 Main Center)** Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign up sheet will be passed around at the first academy session)
- 3) **Tuesday, 5 p.m., February 16, 2010, - 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 the first academy session)