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**City Manager Rachel Harlow-Schalk resigns**

Rachel Harlow-Schalk resigned as Helena City Manager effective Friday, February 18.

“Helena is a wonderful community with an excellent team of employees. I wish nothing but the best for its future,” said Harlow-Schalk.

Helena City Commissioners are grateful for Harlow-Schalk’s dedication to the City and diligent work to achieve the priorities of the community. During her tenure, she spearheaded efforts to improve community engagement, establish fiscal stability, and create economic development tools.

“Rachel joined the City during challenging times,” Mayor Wilmot Collins said. “She repaired strained relationships with the Commission, City staff, and community partners. I wish her well in the next phase of her career.”

Commissioner Emily Dean said she is grateful for Harlow-Schalk’s steadfast commitment to Helena. “She offered creative solutions.” Dean said, “I thoroughly enjoyed working with her and know she will excel in her next role.”

Other Commissioners also praised the outgoing City Manager for her work.

“I thank our city manager for her service to our community during an extraordinarily challenging time for everyone. I wish her the best in whatever comes next in her professional and personal life.”

-Commissioner Eric Feaver

“I have appreciated Rachel’s energy and professionalism in moving the City’s operation, leadership, and employees forward. I will miss her and wish her the best in her future endeavors.”

– Commissioner Sean Logan

“Rachel was a stabilizing force for Helena when the City needed it. She’s extremely organized and helped the City navigate the intricacies of the American Rescue Plan Act.”

-Commissioner Melinda Reed