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SEBASTOPOL, Calif., April 16, 2025 — The City of Sebastopol announces that the City Council and the City Manager Don Schwartz have mutually agreed to end their professional relationship, effective immediately.

Mayor Stephen Zollman made the announcement during a report out of a closed session after the April 15 City Council meeting and stated, “Mr. Schwartz has served our community with professionalism and care. We are grateful for his service and the contributions he has made to Sebastopol.”

Mayor Zollman continued, “During his tenure, Mr. Schwartz helped guide the City through a number of significant challenges in his year and a half as City Manager. Among other things, Mr. Schwartz assisted in negotiating an agreement to consolidate the Fire Department and helped establish a path to solve the City’s financial challenges. The City Council thanks Don Schwartz for his service and extends its best wishes for success in his future endeavors.”

An interim City Manager will be appointed in the coming days as the City begins the process of selecting a new City Manager.