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### City dismisses Cobble lawsuit

Stonecrest, GA – The City of Stonecrest filed a notice of dismissal without prejudice on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> in the civil action case against Councilwoman Jazzmin Cobble. City officials filed a declaratory action in DeKalb Superior Court recently to seek clarification on whether Cobble could keep her seat after two absences from city council meetings. The city sought a declaratory judgment to interpret the provision of the city’s charter, which states a councilmember forfeits their seat by failing to attend one-third of the meetings in three months. The city sought this clarification because the city needed certainty for the citizens.

Mayor Jason Lary said that he was seeking clarity from the courts after citizens brought the absences to his and city management’s attention. “I did not seek to remove her from her seat. We sought to find out the answer to the charter regarding her missing days, which is still unanswered,” said Mayor Lary. “As mayor and the leader of the city of Stonecrest, I have to handle pleasant and unpleasant situations. I had no choice but to seek a remedy for a council person that committed multiple absences highlighted by citizens’ requests. It is my responsibility and oath of office to remedy difficult situations for the city of Stonecrest. It is not personal. It is a function of the job,” he added.

In a statement, Cobble expressed her approval of the city’s recent filings. “I am glad we can now focus on the work of the people and avoid further litigation on these issues,” said Cobble. “I look forward to continuing to work hard for the best interest of the citizens in District 3 and for the betterment of the entire community in which my family and I live in,” she added.

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