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## SPLOST discussions take center stage until mayor makes unexpected health announcement

Stonecrest, GA – Amidst a stern debate on several SPLOST agenda items, Mayor Jason Lary dropped a different bombshell. The mayor announced that he will be on a temporary medical leave, shortly after a heated discussion on the city's SPLOST management contract.

"I have been taking cancer treatments for a couple of months now. I have been coming here in pain. I have been coming here trying to work. I have been ignoring my family and ignoring what my wife asked me to do and I have to ask myself this evening, for what? I am going to take some time. I need time to get healthy. I need time to take the treatment and I need to do that without being extremely aggravated. I have been pounding the pavement for five years making sure we got to where we were supposed to go. But now, I need a moment. You're in good hands with Mayor Pro Tem George Turner. I will still do the duties that you all elected me to do but I can't make these council meetings right now. Thank you for your prayers," Mayor Lary said. After his statement, the mayor left the council chambers.

The mayor was recently diagnosed with the early stages of a curable, treatable cancer. He has begun pre-radiation treatments and will need to follow his doctors' orders which require adequate rest and recuperation time.

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