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Council denies business mini golf rezoning

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The Chattanooga City Council denied a rezoning request this week that would have allowed Broad Street bar Whiskey Cowgirl to use an adjacent parking lot for a miniature golf course. The case was recommended for approval by local planning commissioners leading up to the meeting, but council member Raquetta Dotley of East Lake advocated for its denial after sharing a police analysis of the area.

Council members rejected the rezoning request because of public safety concerns about nighttime activity in the neighborhood.

“I thought it was a positive. That’s why I was kind of shocked,” local developer John Wise, who applied for the rezoning, said in an interview Friday.

Bryan Shults, director of development services at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, said the agency did not receive any police data before making its recommendation. It did not receive any comments about police calls or public safety concerns beforehand either, Shults told council members.

Planning staff recommended approval after determining the proposal was compatible with surrounding land uses and the city’s adopted land-use plan, according to the agency staff report.

Wise first applied to change the property’s zoning in February, later narrowing the request from 4.6 acres to just under 1 acre, a portion of the existing parking lot adjacent to Whiskey Cowgirl.

The change was needed since there’s only one type of zone in the downtown area that would allow outdoor recreation like mini golf, according to the request.

On Friday morning, Wise said the proposal was part of an effort to rebrand Whiskey Cowgirl to attract more daytime visitors and families.

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President Donald Trump works the crowd as he arrives at a rally at the Dalton Municipal Airport on Friday.

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Annabella Branco wears an American flag cowboy hat while waiting in line to enter a rally featuring President Donald Trump at Dalton Municipal Airport.

A Trump supporter holds up his phone during a rally at the Dalton Municipal Airport as the president’s helicopter touches down.

TRUMP: ‘PRETEND I’M ON THE BALLOT’

President attacks Ossoff during Dalton rally, warns of second Great Depression

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Ossoff, a Democratic incumbent being challenged in this November’s election by Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Collins, drew Trump’s ire over his policies surrounding immigration, transgender rights and gun control. Throughout Trump’s remarks, which lasted for roughly two hours, he referred to Ossoff as

“Pee-wee Herman,” pointing out what he said was Ossoff’s resemblance to the late actor Paul Reubens. But Trump’s objections to Ossoff went well beyond his appearance.

Trump blamed what he called Ossoff’s “open border” policies for the death of Laken Riley, the Augusta University student murdered in February 2024 by Jose Ibarra, a Venezuelan national who entered the United States illegally.

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National Move Over Day raises awareness of roadside traffic laws, safety guidelines

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The Third Saturday in October in the Chattanooga region typically refers to the Tennessee-Alabama football game, but across the U.S., Oct. 17 will mark National Move Over Day.

Flagman Inc., a nonprofit traffic safety organization, began demonstrations of the nation’s “Slow Down, Move Over” laws Friday at the Tennessee Tow Show at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

Cindy Iodice, right, helps Evelyn Ingram, 6, put on a toy construction helmet Friday during the Tennessee Tow Show at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

are considered “active passengers” who can call out a warning.

Flagman demonstrator Cody Easterbrook outfitted several children Friday with cardboard vehicles at the Tow Show to show an audience of tow truck owners, vendors and visitors how to respond when trouble’s ahead on the road.

Using a child-sized, two-lane road with a shoulder,

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SUNDAY

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Sunny

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Sunny

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