

XI. ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 09-075 An Ordinance Granting a One Year Extension of Development Approvals Granted Under Ordinance No. 08-091 for Friendship Village of Schaumburg PUD Case No. Z0804-03 [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- B. Ordinance No. 09-076 An Ordinance Amending the Electrical Code Title 15, Chapter 152, Section 152.05 Zoned Residential Rental Properties and Home Daycare Properties [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- C. Ordinance No. 09-077 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for an Array Style Design Antenna Communication Facility, Height Variation, Setback Variation, and Site Plan Amendment for T-Mobile – Schaumburg Park District Facility Located at 601 Morse Avenue (Z0904-07) [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- D. Ordinance No. 09-078 An Ordinance Granting a Variation to Allow Additional Wall Sign for Subway Located at 1708 Wise Road (Z0906-03) [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- E. Ordinance No. 09-079 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Two Home Occupations for Diversity Suppliers, LLC and Qual Chem, LLC located at 418 Bristol Lane (Z0906-02) [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- F. Ordinance No. 09-080 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for an Auto Service Facility for Oil Max Express Located at 1815 W. Wise Road (Z0905-07) [first reading – motion to waive first reading].
- G. Ordinance No. 09-081 An Ordinance Granting a Teardown and Replacement Plan for the property Located at 101 Standish Lane (P0905-02) [first reading – motion to waive first reading].

Trustee Kozak made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. Trustee Kozak, Connelly, Sullivan, Dunham, Curcio, Madej voted aye. No Trustee voted nay. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committee reports.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

1. Brian Costin, President of the Schaumburg Freedom Coalition came forward. He congratulated the Village Board and Mayor Larson for reversing their position on the Red Light Cameras; also, Police Chief Howerton and the Police Department for making the recommendation to the Village Board. Mr. Costin asked the Village Board and President Larson if they were aware of the statistics showing Schaumburg as a whole and the Meacham and Woodfield intersection had no significant safety problems due to accidents caused by red light running.

Attorney Siegel stated that he recommend that Village Board refrain from making any comment on this subject due to three law suits pending involving this matter.

Mr. Costin went on to question why was this Red Light Camera Program created and over one million dollars in tickets issued to theatrically reduce accidents caused by red light running when Schaumburg over all and this particular intersection at Meacham and Woodfield Road had no significant problems with accidents caused by red light running. He believed it was never about the safety it was about the money. Also troubling from the statistics is that Meacham and Woodfield Road had no accidents caused by red light running in 2008 but after the red light camera was installed for the last eight months there was one incident of a red light running that resulted in an accident which suggests that the camera had a negative effect on traffic safety and accidents caused by red light running. At the September 23rd 2008 Village Board meeting prior to the installation of the Red Light Camera the Schaumburg Freedom Coalition presented the Village Board and Mayor Larson with nine scientific studies from organizations which showed that red light cameras provided no safety benefits and in many cases made intersections more dangerous to motorists. His question is did Mayor Larson and the Village Board examine and consider the overwhelming scientific evidence covering thousands of intersections over a period of many years before deciding to install the Red Light Camera. If the Village Board didn't examine Schaumburg's own statistics on accidents caused by red light running prior to installing the camera and didn't adequately examine the studies presented to them he believes if the village had done their due diligence ahead of time this could have been prevented. It was only the political backlash that changed the minds of the Village Board members. While he is certainly glad that the Village Trustees are extinguishing this failed program, he believes that the citizens and motorists of Schaumburg were done a great disservice in regards to the Red Light Camera Program. His concern is about the over 10,000 motorists who received red light tickets as a result of this failed program. He believes that the drivers who received red light tickets should receive full refunds from the Village of Schaumburg especially the 98% to 99% of people who received tickets from the right turn on red camera.

President Larson asked Mr. Costin if that was all.

Mr. Costin asked if the Village Board was considering providing refunds to the victims of this Red Light Camera Program.

Mr. Siegel stated that he advised the Village Board to say nothing; there is pending litigation.

2. Barnet Fagel, Buffalo Grove, came forward. Mr. Fagel is the Illinois representative, activist and traffic researcher for the National Motorists Association. There is not one record of any red light ticket camera ever saving one life or preventing one accident. In fact red light ticket cameras actually document traffic engineering errors. He fears there were no environmental studies done on the impact of these red light ticket cameras regarding traffic delays, pollution, loss of business to local business owners and of course traffic revenue for the very village in which they are situated. In the future and we hope there is not a reoccurrence of this; if you want to make your village safer for pedestrians and drivers there