

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission**

May 15, 2018

7:30 PM Conference 8  
Government Center  
12000 Government Center Pkwy.  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Callender, Fee, Gulakowski,  
Kazmi, Kirk, Omeish, Rosier

Absent:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Hargraves, Hine,  
Javed, Roark

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable and Consumer Services  
Rebecca L. Makely, Director  
Consumer Services Division  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist  
Regulation and Licensing Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Chairman Fee.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the April 17, 2018, meeting were approved.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Fee had no matters to bring before the Commission.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Liberman stated that on Friday, April 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) held a Budget Committee Pre-Markup, on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, the BOS approved the Budget Markup, and Tuesday, May 1, 2018, the BOS approved the FY 2019 Budget. The budget includes a 2 cent increase in the Real Estate Tax Rate, which will increase the current rate of \$1.13 to \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value, provide full funding of the Fairfax County Public School budget, and full compensation to Fairfax County employees.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Gulakowski had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Callender spoke about the article on the Chinese Robocall which he and his wife had received. Commissioner Callender encouraged the Commissioners to read the article included in the packet.

Commissioner Omeish mentioned hearing about more common Robocalls about needing information on your personal credit card accounts or receiving email pop ups.

Commissioner Rosier mentioned her continued efforts to provide consumer tips each month with groups she is involved in.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the Commission.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business before the Commission.

### **New Business**

**1. Precious Gems & Metals/Pawn Shops Update.** Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist, Regulation and Licensing Branch (RALB) spoke about the history of Chapter 33 of the Fairfax County Code; proposed changes to the Code that were accepted by the BOS on October 18, 2016; and reported no complaints received by RALB. Mr. Newcomb also explained the impact of Federal Code 18 U.S.C. § 701, and the next steps to update the Fairfax County Code.

A discussion ensued on types of Precious Gems & Metals establishments, copying of military ID cards, and police reporting issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.