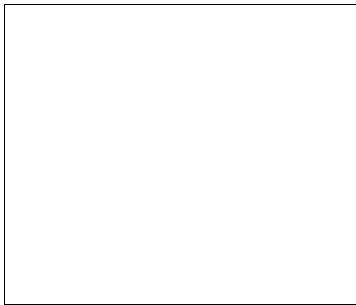



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Poughkeepsie faces tight timeline with charter review

POUGHKEEPSIE – A review of the City of Poughkeepsie’s charter has been underway for almost a year, and, according to state requirements, any changes recommended by the Charter Review Commission must go to city voters this coming November.

Ronald McGaw is chairman of the nine-member commission. He told the common council they are in the home stretch and have increased the meeting schedule from monthly to twice a month.

“The next stage of our work will be to identify changes to the City Charter that the commission determines should be put before the voters for consideration,” McGaw said. “The Benjamin Center will assist the commission in identifying potential alternatives, certain aspects of the current city government and in weighing the advantages and disadvantages involved in adopting those alternatives.”

The Benjamin Center, of SUNY New Paltz, which has worked with other government entities in the Hudson Valley, will cost the city nothing. A grant from the Dyson Foundation is paying for it.

McGaw did not go into detail on specific conclusions the commission may have reached, but said there will be public input sessions before the referendum.

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