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1993	Council size, composition	Section 3	Therefore, it recommends that Council set up a special committee to consider this issue at length and in detail and study carefully the legal and political consequences.					
1993	Council appointments	Section 5	Thus the CCRC recommends that council appointees stand for election at the next scheduled election.		1843-94	Passed, 91,173 yes -- 33,649 no	Yes	11/8/1994
1993	Council service on boards, commissions	Section 6	Therefore, the CCRC recommends that the Charter be amended to state that in enumerated circumstances, council members may serve on boards and commissions.					
1993	Council meeting dates	Section 8	Therefore, the CCRC recommends (1) deleting the reference to the hour and (2) specifying an exception for New Year's Day or deleting the first sentence of Section 8 altogether which would allow Council to determine the time and dates of its own					
1993	Council override of Development Commission, should it require 2/3rd vote	Section 18	The CCRC unanimously recommends that no change be made to Section 18.					
1993	Council ordinances, add option for 14 day legislation (addition to emergency and 30 day)	Section 22	The CCRC recommends that the Charter be amended with the result that fourteen day ordinances for routine business effective immediately after passage - two readings (new proposal).					
1993	Council option for a biennial budget	Sections 25-27	The CCRC takes no position with respect to the proposal for a biennial budget.					
1993	Delete reference to "supplemental" city income tax	Section 36	The CCRC recommends that the Charter should be amended to recognize that fact [that the city income tax is permanent; remove "supplemental from Section 36]					
1993	Referendum, sunset on requirement for vote on issue once passed	Section 45	The CCRC recommends a five year sunset provision to any referendum that is passed by the electorate in recognition of the fast pace of changing times and events that require another consideration after a reasonable period of time.					
1993	Initiative, referendum, ease process and qualifications	Sections 41-56	The unanimous recommendation of the CCRC was not to change the Charter provisions.					

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1993	Civil Service, unclassified positions for municipal officials	Sections 60 and 148	The CCRC recommends that the mayor, city auditor and city attorney be permitted a small unclassified staff of six, three and three persons, respectively, and that the types of staff positions for the mayor, auditor and city attorney be unspecified.		1669-93	Defeated, 32,915 yes -- 42,102 no	No	
1993	Civil Service, mayoral appointment of all directors and deputy directors, other than Rec/Parks and Health	Sections 60 and 148	Furthermore the CCRC believes that the Charter should be amended to allow the mayor the prerogative to appoint and remove all director and deputy directors except those heading the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Health.		1669-93	Defeated, 32,915 yes -- 42,102 no	No	
1993	Civil Service, cut-off date for testing provisional employees	Section 148	The CCRC recommends that after two years in provisional status, if the provisional employee has not been tested by the Civil Service Commission, his/her provisional status should become permanent.	Yes (AFSCME initiated charter amendment, 1988)				
1993	Civil Service, all city employees must reside in the City of Columbus	Section 158-1	However, it did not reach a conclusion [regarding city employee residency] because there are numerous legal and policy issues that are involved with any change.					
1993	Contracts, clarify the format and intent of Charter regarding public improvements	Section 186	Because the provision was not parsed or formatted in a way that was easily deciphered, the CCRC recommends the technical clarification below. "Public improvements of all kinds may be made by the appropriate department, by any of the following methods: a. by direct employment of the necessary labor and the purchase of the necessary supplies and materials, with separate accounting as to each improvement so made; or b. by contract duly let after competitive bidding either for a . gross price or upon basis for the improvement; or c. without competitive bidding by contract containing a guaranteed maximum and stipulating that the City shall pay within such maximum the cost of labor and materials, plus a fixed percentage of profit to the contractor. The council shall by ordinance determine by which of the foregoing methods any improvements shall be made. Contracts may provide a bonus day per day for completion of the contract prior to a specified date and liquidated damages to the City to be exacted in like sum for every day of delay beyond a specific date."					

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1993	Nominating petitions, various requirements	Section 202 (a) (2), (3), and (5)	In summary, the CCRC recommends that the Charter be amended with the result that: (1) Candidates for city council, mayor, city attorney and city auditor be subject to uniform petition signature requirements; (2) That the number of petition signatures be changed from a percentage of the total number of registered electors in the last preceding regular municipal election to a minimum of 1,000 but a limit of submitting 3,000 signatures; (3) That the form of the petition form and circulation details be removed from the Charter so that the petition form and circulation requirements will become consistent with uniform requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.261; (4) That the number of days prior to an municipal election by which petitions are to be filed be changed to 75 days from 90 days; and (5) That the Charter specify that the candidates' petitions be filed no later than 4:00p.m. on the 75th day prior to a municipal election.					
1993	Charter Amendments, omnibus and same subject	Omnibus provisions	It proposes that technical and/or clarifying amendments could be considered together and also that amendment dealing with the same subject matter could be grouped together.					
1998	Council meeting dates	Section 8	The Committee recommends that Section 8 be modified to eliminate any possible conflict as to when newly elected council members assume their duties of office. Additionally, the Committee recommends the Charter be amended to change the time of the meeting from 8:00 to 5:00p.m. and to provide for the meeting to occur on the first Tuesday of January when the first Monday is New Year's Day.		1826-98	Passed, 91,931 yes -- 37,677 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	Budget, dates for submission and adoption	Sections 27	The Committee recommends that publication be made of the original appropriation ordinance based upon the budget submitted by the Mayor. Then, following the public hearings and a second publication of the ordinance as amended by Council, it would be enacted but no sooner than the first meeting in January. The Committee also recommends modifying the section's language to allow for the possibility that the first meeting could be on a Tuesday if its earlier recommendation relating to Section 8 is adopted.		1827-98	Passed, 86,008 yes -- 42,076 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	City Attorney, duties, act as City Solicitor	Section 77	The Committee recommends that this section relating to the City Attorney's duty to act as the City Solicitor be eliminated. Section 67 should be amended to state affirmatively that the City Attorney has only the duties set forth in the Charter or in ordinance.		1828-98	Passed, 83,678 yes -- 42,071 no	Yes	11/3/1998

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1998	Civil Service, unclassified positions for municipal officials	Section 148(a)	The Committee believes that a limited number of policy-making and fiduciary employees should be appointed in the unclassified service.		1830-98	Passed, 77,399 yes -- 45,808 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	Nominating petitions, various requirements	Section 202	The Committee recommends 1000 signatures be required for petitions for candidacy. The Committee further recommends that the requirement for notarized signatures be eliminated but that circulators be required to make a statement that the signatures are to the best of their knowledge those of each purported signer. Regardless of this change, a circulator would be subject to criminal prosecution for false statements. Finally, the petitions would need to be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. 90 days prior to the day before the primary election.		1831-98	Passed, 93,596 yes -- 34,149 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	Charter, gender neutral references	Omnibus provisions	The Committee recommends the City Clerk be directed in the printing of the Charter to make all references to individuals gender neutral.		1825-98	Passed, 86,307 yes -- 52,768 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	Charter, readability	Omnibus provisions	The Committee found that certain headings and the sequencing of some provisions make the Charter difficult to follow in its current form. The Committee recommends that: (1) a heading be added for the Recreation and Parks Department, (2) the heading for the Health Department be modified to exclude the words "and Sanitation", (3) a heading be added prior to Section 120 to reflect that these provisions pertain to utility rates, and (4) to re-sequence the numbering of the sections.		1829-98	Passed, 91,277 yes -- 35,298 no	Yes	11/3/1998
1998	Council size, composition	Section 3	NO RECOMMENDATION. Should Columbus City Council be expanded and/or should Council Members be elected by district? The Committee considered these Issues and concluded that it recommends no changes. Similar issues have twice been placed on the ballot and were overwhelmingly defeated, most recently in 1975.	Yes				
1998	Council appointment of public defender, repeal	Section 12	NO RECOMMENDATION. Should the section providing for Council appointing a public defender be repealed? Upon review, the Committee determined that the section is permissive and as such retaining the power presents no difficulty.					

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1998	Emergency ordinances, modify term	Section 22	NO RECOMMENDATION. Should the term "emergency" be modified? The Committee noted that Council presently had no difficulty utilizing emergency legislation to meet the needs of the Public. Since the present Charter has functioned in a workable fashion, the Committee determined that no change was warranted.	Yes				
1998	Referenda, change process	Sections 48, 51 and 55	NO RECOMMENDATION. Should the procedure for referendums be modified? The Committee reviewed these sections and concluded a change was not warranted.	Yes				
1998	Civil Service, all city employees must reside in the City of Columbus or adjacent county	Section 158-1	NO RECOMMENDATION. Should the Charter's residency requirement for City employees be changed? The Committee recognized that some requirement for proximity is appropriate so that employees can report to work as required. The Committee found no evidence that the current provision impaired the City's ability to provide services to the Public.	Yes				
1998	Various	Various	RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED. Other suggestions were presented to the Committee, including issues regarding the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Divisions. The Committee concluded that further information and study is needed to properly consider these issues and recommends that the Charter review process continue.					
1999	Civil Service, appointment and removal of police and fire chiefs	Section 101-1	[T]he Committee recommends that Columbus maintain the same procedures for both chiefs. Accordingly the Committee recommends creating a new section 101-1 which would allow for a chief to serve not more than two, five-year terms.	Yes	1620-99	Passed	Yes	7/19/1999
1999	Civil Service, hearing on removal of police or fire chief	Section 107	[T]he Committee recommends that the five-day requirement [for the hearing on removals of chiefs] be modified to provide that the Commission shall commence the hearing within sixty (60) days from the date it receives notice of a chiefs suspension and that it shall conclude the matter "in an expeditious manner."					
1999	Civil Service, grounds for removal for chiefs	Section 107	With some minor modifications, the Committee believes that the language in the Ohio Revised Code more clearly states the grounds which should be utilized for the removal of chiefs [for cause].					

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1999	Civil Service, qualifications and applicant pool	Section 151	[U]pon review of the City Charter, the Committee believes that the Civil Service Commission already has the authority to modify the qualifications for the chief positions to include both candidates from outside the Police and Fire Divisions or candidates from other ranks within the Divisions, if so desired. [The Commission can already provide more than five (5) applicants and] the City would be better served by a larger pool of qualified candidates from which the Public Safety Director could select. Therefore, no change to the City Charter is required to address this concern.					
1999	Civil Service, performance standards	Various	[T]he Committee recommends this practice [the practice of setting performance expectations] be utilized throughout the City. However, under the current Charter, department directors already have the authority to utilize performance standards so no Charter amendment is required for implementation.					
2010	Council, Open Meeting Laws	Section 8	It was the unanimous recommendation of the Charter Review Committee that the proposed language [regarding open meetings] presented by City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer be adopted and put before the Columbus voters.		1143-2010	Passed, 204,111 yes - - 130,447 no	Yes	11/2/2010