

# Charter Spring Charter Vote Is Unlikely

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It was Round One of the Santa Cruz City Council versus the Santa Cruz City Manager Thursday at the first meeting of the City Charter Revision Committee.

Not all the members of the council favor a limitation of the powers of City Manager Dave Koester. But enough of them do so that the prospective revision of the city's charter shapes up as a battle over the power of the city manager.

As for Koester himself, he is

remaining silent over the whole matter of charter revision.

The committee showed its intention on recommending sweeping changes by deciding its work is too far-reaching to have a charter amendment ready for the municipal election on March 8. The deadline for formulating a possible amendment is Dec. 4, and the committee voted 7-5 (with committee Chairman Paul Niebanck abstaining) to forget about that deadline and focus on a six-months study which might include suggestions of basic changes to the council-manager form of government.

Under the present form, the city council makes policy decisions, which are carried out by the city manager. The manager also has the right to hire and fire city staff members, and can be fired himself by a

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## Irish President Resigns In Dispute Over Anti-IRA Laws

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — President Carroll O'Daly of Ireland resigned Friday in a dispute over antiterrorism legislation, officials announced.

The resignation came four days after Defense Minister Patrick Donegan branded him "a thundering disgrace" for raising constitutional doubts about the government's antiterrorist legislation.

O'Daly, a former chief justice and a constitutional expert, refused to accept a personal apology from Donegan.

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vote of at least five of the seven councilmembers.

At the beginning of the meeting, committee members told a small audience how they feel about the upcoming study. Some, such as Anne Garni, Millie Carlson, William Dornhoff and Michaelangelo Rosato, stated they already know they want to limit the responsibilities and powers of the city staff.

Others, like Ted Foster and Vern Smith (both former councilmembers), said they didn't mind the present system all that much. Other committee members played the middle, and one member, Lorette Wood, was absent.

Aside from Niebanck, an appointee of Councilman Bert Muhly, being named chairman (Smith also was nominated), John Laird, who was appointed by Charlotte Melville, was named vice-chairman.

The committee spent time discussing the scope of the job before them, with some members saying they should consider minor changes to the city charter first.

"Perhaps we should first work on things on which we agree," suggested Bob Bosso.

Garni wouldn't hear of that. She called on the group to go ahead with the underlying issue, which she said "is diluting the power of the city manager."