

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SEISMIC ORDINANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 29, 2004 7:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers George Finigan, Jim Heggarty, Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, and Mayor Frank Mecham

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

#### 1. Seismic Safety Ordinance Update

D. Monn, Sr. Building Official / E. Gallagher, Housing Programs Manager

Consider testimony from the public regarding a proposed updating of the City's Seismic Safety Ordinance. (The City's current Seismic Code is based upon the 1994 Uniform Code for Building Conservation. The proposed revision would adopt the 2003 International Existing Building Code, which incorporates newer standards, including structural lessons learned from the 1994 Northridge earthquake.)

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Nick Gilman. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to amend the draft ordinance as set forth below and schedule first reading for May 18, 2004:

1. Structural analyses and construction plan documents (building plans) shall be filed and approved for construction within one year of the date provided in a letter of notice from the Building Official to the property owner listed in the most recent tax roles available to the City.

2. In order to meet the deadline set forth above, owners of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings shall submit structural analyses and construction plans (building plans) for structural alteration of the building at least 105 calendar days prior to the deadline.
3. Construction of retrofit improvements shall be completed within 30 months of the date of the letter of notice from the City Building Official.
4. Should a building owner fail to file and obtain approval of engineered construction documents (building plans) within one year of the date contained in a notice from the Building Official, the City Building Official will issue an order to vacate the building.
5. Should a building owner fail to complete construction of the seismic retrofit improvements within 30 months of the date of the letter of notice from the City Building Official, the City Building Official will issue an order to vacate the building.
6. Staff will provide a written report to the Council one year from the date of the letter of notice from the City Building Official and again at 30 months from that same date.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, and Mecham  
NOES: Picanco  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

*By general consensus, Council adjourned from regular session at 8:39 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** to THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET.

Submitted:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved: May 18, 2004