CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Feaster called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
ROLL CALL	Present: Dale, Feaster, Richardson, Vanasse, Wallace, Warner (late), Wintersteen
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Richardson to approve the minutes of the February 11, 1992, regular Council meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Vanasse to amend the agenda by adding Executive Session to discuss the attorney's letter on the status of AIDEA vs. City of Bethel. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Mayor Feaster referred Council to his written report. Council agreed to invite lobbyist, Rick Urion, to the March 25, 1992, Council meeting.
motion	M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Richardson to ratify the reappointment of Ben Dale to the Transportation Commission for a 2-year term; the reappointment of Ruth (Wally) Richardson and John Watts to the Transportation Commission for 3-year terms; and the appointment of Tony Lewis to the Transportation Commission for a 2-year term. Voice vote. Motion carried. 5-yes; 1-no (Wallace).
	Harold Kehoe addressed the Mayor's decision to not appoint him to the Transportation Commission. Mayor Feaster stated that because Mr. Kehoe was a cab driver, it was his feeling that such an appointment would be considered a conflict of interest as the majority of the Commission's work deals with cab fares. Councilman Vanasse supported Mayor Feaster's decision. Mr. Kehoe was encouraged to consider serving on other committees/commissions and also to become involved with the Transportation Commission as a member of the public by attending meetings and speaking to the Commission on issues of concern.
MANAGER'S REPORT	City Manager Hohman reviewed his written Manager's Report with Council on the following items:
	-- Arrangement consummated with Camellia Restaurant (formerly Riverfront Restaurant); received additional payment on the contract.

-- Negotiations continue with AIDEA; further discussion of the status of the negotiations will take place during Executive Session.
-- New fish tax law provides for sharing fish tax that is collected outside of the community with the community shown to have been impacted by the fisheries; DCRA survey has been completed by the Port Director and returned as required.
-- AML tapes dealing with city government are available to interested council members through the City Clerk's office until the end of March; copies of tapes from AML are $65.
-- Vehicle lease/purchase agreement proposed by Chief Barker; implementation of the agreement would require an amendment to the six-month budget revision.
-- City Manager Hohman called Council's attention to the letter from Sherron Smyth of YKHC complementing the Public Works Department and Jerry Korthuis for the work done to bring the PATC building up to standards and to a letter to the editor from John Stonistch complementing the Police Department for its work in the community.

In response to a question from Councilman Vanasse regarding the appointment of a Public Works Director, City Manager Hohman stated he had done some interviewing; had sent copies of the applications received to the Public Works Department Committee who reviewed them; the Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee was not impressed by the pool of applicants; at this time, a Director had not been chosen; in the meantime, Sonny Davis was serving as Acting Director.

Councilman Wintersteen asked if there was an update on the tidelands survey. Planning Director Jerry White indicated that the State had completed its review and had further stipulated DEC approval of the survey; the survey has been sent to DEC who has 30 days to review; when review is completed the City will then resubmit to the State Department of Lands for its final approval; Mike Horn was requested to submit the survey on behalf of the City; problems with the survey are not anticipated; Mr. White predicted receipt of the final approval could be as long as 5 weeks depending on turnaround time from DEC.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Warner requested a status report on the sewer lagoon, potential land swap negotiations. City Manager Hohman reported that he has experienced difficulty in getting the people involved to the negotiating table; the parties involved in the exchange have reviewed the map at BNC; last week Mr. Hohman picked up Fred Charles in Kwethluk and brought him to Bethel to look at the land possibilities; Charles has gone to BNC with Jerry White and on his own trying to make a determination; he reported back that nothing appealed to him and he was not ready to swap one for one; he may be interested in leasing the City the land it would need which is approximately 60 acres; this is a possibility with lease payments paid for from the funding that is available through the State. Councilman Warner felt that expansion of the lagoon to the north was worth pursuing even if the City could not meet the March 1 deadline or an extended deadline, if granted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Wallace reported that the Planning Commission had met on February 19 and had completed all but one item on the agenda which required further research. The meeting went well.

Councilman Warner reported that the Public Works Committee had met on February 18. The Committee reviewed the applications for the position of Public Works Director; the recommendation of the Committee to the City Manager was that the City re-advertise the position and continue with the present organizational arrangement which is working well; it was felt that because the Department was functioning effectively there was no reason to rush out and fill the position without conducting a thorough search for a Public Works Director; Councilman Warner concurred with this recommendation.

Councilwoman Richardson reported that the Public Safety Committee met on February 12; the issue of combining the Transportation Commission and the Public Safety Committee was addressed and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee. The Committee heard a report from Teen Center Coordinator, Paula Stybor; Councilwoman Richardson complemented Ms. Stybor on the work she is doing for the Teen Center. Because there have been some members on the committee who

have not been attending on a regular basis, a letter was sent to those members to determine if they were interested in remaining on the committee; these members have indicated they do wish to continue serving. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4; the agenda includes 1) revision of the animal control ordinance and 2) discussion on the incorporation of the Transportation Commission and the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman Wintersteen reported that the Port Commission met February 24. Port Director, Stuart Greydanus gave a report on the small boat dredging project; discussed issue of bids for piling repairs and the types of pilings needed. Chairman Allen DeSousa reported on the possibility that the State may require funds be set aside to take care of repair and replacement needs at the dock. Councilman Warner reminded Council that the Port Commission had recommended splitting the raw fish tax 50/50 between the general fund and the enterprise fund, and requested that Council consider this proposal at the time the budget revision was discussed.

Councilman Dale reported that the Transportation Commission was scheduled to meet on March 2, 7:30 PM, City Conference Room.

Mayor Feaster reported that the Finance Committee met February 19. Two issues from the public were presented to the committee: 1) Camai Airlines requested exempting purchases of heating fuel from sales tax. The committee decided to study the request and discuss it at the next meeting. 2) Representatives of several non-profit organizations addressed the problems they will experience with the imposition of sales tax on gaming operations. The committee agreed to survey other communities and obtain material from the State for the committee to study.

Mayor Feaster reminded council members to complete the conflict of interest forms and submit to the City Clerk by April 15, 1992. The State will impose a monetary fine if these reports are not completed by that date.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD Tad Miller, editor of the Village Voice, pointed out

that the letter from John Stonistch referred to earlier by the City Manager was placed in the Voice.

Council broke at 8:15 PM for a short recess. At 8:20 PM, Mayor Feaster called the meeting back to order.

OLD BUSINESS:
Item A--Public Hearing, Six Month Budget Revision

PUBLIC HEARING--SIX-MONTH BUDGET REVISION; AMENDMENT #2 TO ORDINANCE #201

Mayor Feaster opened the hearing to the public.

Jerry Korthuis, Building Maintenance Foreman, requested Council approve the hiring of an additional building maintenance worker to help with the backlog of work on city buildings. Fire Chief, Mark Barker stated that inequities in salaries and classification of city personnel existed. The six-month budget revision only dealt with a few of these inequities. He strongly urged Council approve a salary and classification survey which can be incorporated in the FY 93 budget. City employee, Bruce Perry, reiterated Mr. Barker's comments and pointed out that many new employees are being hired at levels higher than existing personnel employeed in the same positions which, in effect, penalizes the employee(s) who have longevity with the City. Mr. Perry also urged Council approve a salary study with changes included in the FY 93 budget. Port Director, Stuart Greydanus, requested Council divide the revenues from the raw fish tax between the enterprise fund and the general revenue fund. He pointed out that many communities allocate either all or part of the tax to their docks for repairs and improvements.

Mayor Feaster closed the public hearing and asked for Council input.

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Richardson that by May 1, 1992, City Administration provide Council with recommendations from each department for reclassification of positions to include written justification of proposed changes.

For clarification, the survey will be conducted in-house.

Councilman Vanasse stated that he does not support an in-house reclassification study because in-house has names attached to positions and jobs, and does not believe such a survey could be conducted fairly; instead, supported a survey contracted with and conducted by a professional organization.

vote — Voice vote. Motion carried. 5-yes; 1-no (Vanasse).

Discussion concerning the budget revision followed.

motion — M/M by Dale, 2nd by Wallace to adopt Amendment #2 to Ordinance #201 (six-month budget revision) with the following changes effective February 25, 1992:

1) Reduce fish tax in the general fund by $25,000 and add fish tax of $25,000 to the municipal dock revenue;
2) Increase sales tax revenue by $35,000 for a total increase of $121,907;
3) Change the reduction in PW Building Maintenance (Personnel) from $21,000 to $11,000; this provides $10,000 to hire a temporary employee through June 30, 1992.
4) Add $25,000 to the municipal dock contractor fee budget.

vote — Poll vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Petro Port/BNC — PETRO PORT/BNC

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Wintersteen to accept the preliminary plat for the conveyance of tracts 5(C) and 5(D) with the following language in U.S. Survey #4000 in order to allow completion of the seawall project: "Furthermore, they satisfy, in total, all of such lands to be reconveyed under ANSCA 14(c)(3) relating to the 'After-Acquired Title Agreement Concerning Certain Lands Within U.S. Survey 4000' which was recorded on 2-7-84 in Book 37, Pages 346 through 360, Bethel Recording District." Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Richardson abstained due to conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Council Goals & Object.

COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (LONG-RANGE PLANS)

Mayor Feaster discussed his recommendation that the Council implement long-range plans for the purpose of setting priorities for the City. In order to begin developing and setting these goals and objectives, Mayor Feaster stated that Council needed to establish procedures. It was decided that the first phase would be to organize a town meeting (tentatively scheduled for sometime in March) and invite organizations and private citizens who would bring ideas and suggestions they felt should be considered; the next phase would be to schedule a work session to begin evaluating the recommendations that were presented. It was also suggested to ask the Community College to assist in organizing the town meeting. Mayor Feaster agreed to contact the personnel at the College and ask for their assistance.

motion — M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Vanasse to go into Executive Session at 9:30 PM to discuss AIDEA vs. Brown vs. City of Bethel. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion — M/M by Warner, 2nd by Wallace to come out of Executive Session at 10:03. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion — M/M by Richardson, 2nd by Wallace adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF March, 1992.

James H. Feaster, III
James H. Feaster III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Elam
Jane Elam, City Clerk