

Request for Council Action

Agenda Bill No.: 25-041

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Subject: Rentschler Lane Street Improvements Design Work

Attachments: Resolution 2025-32 Approving HLA Task Order No. 2025-03, Task

Order No. 2025-03, GIS Image of Site

Presented by: Mike Heit, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc.

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City Manager

Background:

In 2024 Busy Bee's Child Development Center (Busy Bee's) expanded their existing facility to accommodate more children at their site located on 801 Guyette Avenue. Due to the expansion, roadway improvements to the graveled Rentschler Avenue were identified and required to receive a Certificate of Occupancy for the addition. In an effort to allow the business to begin utilizing the new addition, and ensure compliance with the City's Codes and Standards, the City issued Busy Bee's a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy that would be finalized once roadway improvements were completed.

Busy Bee's coordinated with Yakima Valley Community Foundation (YVCF) to obtain a \$100,000.00 grant for the design work, project management, and an eventual SEID grant application through Yakima Valley Development Association (YCDA). YCDA offers the SEID grant program for public infrastructure projects to support private investment and job creation. Both the YVCF monies and the SEID grant are required to be managed and expensed by a governmental agency. The eventual SEID grant funding would support the construction element of this project.

Discussion:

The City has been provided funding of \$100,000.00 to complete the design work and apply for further grant funding from YCDA via the SEID grant program, to conduct this work the City has engaged HLA Engineering and Land Surveying (HLA) for their services.

HLA's services for this project can be briefly summarized into three parts:

- 1. Design Engineering
 - Design of plans, cost estimation, and bidding services.
- 2. SIED Funding Application
 - Drafting of application and presentation to SEID Board.
- 3. Construction Engineering
 - Construction project management services.

Staff has coordinated with the applicant, YVCF, and YCDA on the phasing and development of this project.

While the funding is to support the Busy Bee's facility, the City is able to conduct this project using this funding as it benefits the development of public streets and right-of-way. The proposed road improvements could also provide further investment in development of nearby properties

due to a closer proximity of full street improvements, increasing economic development in the area. It is important to note that next SEID grant cycle applications are due by June 19, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2025-32, authorizing the City Manager to sign Task Order 2025-03.