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### **CITY OF BEAVERTON PARTNERS WITH WESTSIDE AGENCIES TO HOST NATIONAL SPEAKER ON URBAN PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The community is invited to hear from nationally renowned speaker Joe Minicozzi, AICP and principal of Urban3, who will be speaking on community land, infrastructure, and finances on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Beaverton City Library Auditorium (12375 SW Fifth St) and is presented by Washington County and the cities of Beaverton, Tigard, Sherwood and Hillsboro in collaboration with the Westside Economic Alliance.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to [events@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:events@BeavertonOregon.gov) as seating is limited to 150.

For more information please contact the events program at [events@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:events@BeavertonOregon.gov) or 503-526-2559.

#### **ABOUT JOE MINICOZZI, AICP**

Joseph Minicozzi, AICP is the principal of Urban3, LLC, a consulting company of downtown Asheville, NC real estate developer, Public Interest Projects. Prior to creating Urban3, he served as the Executive Director for the Asheville Downtown Association.

Joe is a sought-after lecturer on city planning issues. His work has been featured at the Congress for New Urbanism, the American Planning Association, the International Association of Assessing Officers, and New Partners for Smart Growth conferences as a paradigm shift for thinking about development patterns.

Joe is a founding member of the Asheville Design Center, a nonprofit community design center dedicated to creating livable communities across all of Western North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from University of Miami and Masters in Architecture and Urban Design from Harvard University.

#### **ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation**

**Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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