



## **Small looks ahead to general election after defeating Foley in Tuesday's primary**





Republicans Matthew James Diullio-Jusino, 30, Maria Lacca, 58, and Rizwan Malik, 57, ran uncontested for three at-large City Council seats and will face Small's slate in November.

Foley's headquarters on Sovereign Avenue was locked with the lights shut off Wednesday afternoon, a far cry from the party that was being set up there the night before. Attempts to reach Foley for comment Wednesday were unsuccessful.

The path for both the Foley and Small teams to the primary was paved with lawsuits, name calling and accusations.

"I'm putting that campaign behind us because that was one of the dirtiest campaigns I was ever involved in," Council President George Tibbitt, a member of the Small ticket, said Wednesday. "I'm happy the voters saw past that stuff and were very supportive of us. It's time to get back to work for the city."

Also on the Small ticket were candidates Stephanie Marshall and Bruce Weekes. The three council candidates were the top vote-getters among seven candidates for the three at-large council seats on the Democratic side.

Weekes earned 1,661 votes, Marshall had 1,615 and Tibbitt had 1,566, according to unofficial poll numbers.

Small became interim mayor in 2019 after his predecessor, Frank Gilliam Jr., resigned after pleading guilty to stealing more than \$80,000 from a youth basketball charity.

Since then, he has had to fight to keep his seat, winning the 2023 election over George Tibbitt, who won the 2019 election.

