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Segal to Be President Of Council in Ventnor

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VENTNOR — Meyer I. (Mike) Segal — a First Ward councilman since 1963 — will be elected as City Council president at today's Council reorganization meeting, The Press learned.

Segal will replace current City Council President Rodney S. Kreisler, who will resume his post as First Ward councilman on the seven-man all Republican governing body.

In the past several years, it has been council's policy to alternate its presidents, though no specific time has ever been set for the length of their tenure.

Although it had been rumored that Kreisler would succeed himself, The Press has been informed by unimpeachable political sources that Segal will get the nod as president.

Segal, contacted at home, declined to confirm or deny The Press findings.

"Any announcement of this nature would be merely speculative at this time," Segal told a reporter.

At the reorganization meeting also, Second Ward Councilman Thomas Whims and Matthew Gallagher of the First Ward, will be sworn in by City Clerk Frank J. Quigley for three-year terms on Council.

Whims was appointed by City Council several months ago to

replace Frank Caywood Jr. who resigned as a councilman. In last November's general election, Whims was elected to fill Caywood's unexpired term until Sunday — and also to a full three-year term. Gallagher was

had sought reelection after serving a three-year term.

Other highlights of the reorganization will be the year-end report of Mayor Phillip B. Robinson and Council and mayoralty appointments.

Segal, 45, is active in veteran's affairs. He holds membership in the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, the Marine Corps League and was formerly president of the Second Marine Division Association, a national organization.

A decorator-salesman for the Kensington Furniture Company, Segal and his wife, Natalie, are members of the Ventnor City Republican Club and many other GOP organizations.

His wife, the former Natalie Youtie, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Youtie. The Youtie family has resided here for more than 50 years.

The Segals live at 4 N. Dudley Ave. and have two children, Stuart, 18, and Sharon, 16.



MEYER I. SEGAL

also elected to a full three-year term in the November election.

Gallagher defeated the lone Democrat on the seven-man Council — William Thompson Jr. — for his seat. Thompson