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Dear Mr. Etheridge:

In response to your request for opinions from this office concerning certain municipal 'Home Rule' matters, I shall respond as follows:

1. I know of no requirement imposed by State law that minutes of a previous city council meeting must be read aloud at the subsequent council meeting. The city council is free to adopt this procedure or not as it sees fit. Cf., [§ 5-7-250\(b\), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976.

2. A municipal ordinance must be read two times on two separate days with at least six (6) days intervening between the first and final readings. [§ 5-7-270, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976. A 'reading' can consist of an oral recitation of the title of the ordinance [4 McQUILLIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS § 13.46 (3rd ed.); see also, [Richards Furniture Corp. v. Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County](#), 196 A2d. 621 at 629]; and [Section 5-7-270 of the 1976 Code](#) authorizes each municipality to 'establish its own rules and procedures as to adoption of ordinances.'

With kind regards,

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