

Port St. Lucie to spend \$50,000 to produce 50th anniversary film

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PORT ST. LUCIE — The city is partnering with the Port St. Lucie Historical Society to produce a docudrama for the city's 50th anniversary.

The council approved at its Monday night meeting spending \$50,000 from the general fund over the next two budget years to pay for the film. The society has been working with Treasure Coast Films, Inc., since November of last year, according to a letter from the society's chair, Richard McAfoos.

The society budgeted \$100,000 for the film. McAfoos wrote St. Lucie County agreed in April to pitch in \$20,000 from two grants if the city at least matched the amount and the society raised the \$78,000 for production.

The city will celebrate its 50th anniversary on April 27, 2011.

McAfoos wrote the volunteers of the Celebration Committee have been working on plans for the past two years.

Highlights of the celebration also include a book with the first definitive history about the city written by former Community Relations Director Nina Baranski